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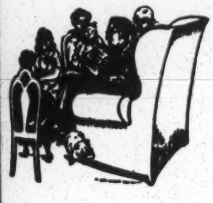
Foreword



BIG BRIDGES are built beneath water," so writes a great bridge builder. Then in technical terms not well understood by the laity, he describes the "caisson"—a water tight box or chamber that is sunk down to rock foundation, in which submarine construction is carried on, and in which men jeopardize their lives in hazardous work. The bridge that is exposed to the ebb and flow of tides, to great storms and raging floods must have a solid foundation. Otherwise it could not bear the strain of nature's powers.

Today society is trembling. In the storm that has broken over our land men and women, otherwise indifferent to the frailty of human relations are suddenly panicky. Teachers, social workers, even politicians are asking, What is the matter? The answer seems to be, There is something wrong in the foundations. Families are broken by divorce and now by war, children are set adrift; juvenile delinquenecy is a problem in large cities and foundations are shaking because the family has lost its stability.

Let the magazine writers and the child psychologists contribute all the helpful methods they can suggest but let Christian parents turn to the Word of God with its many promises "to you and to your children."

Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral was also a bridge designer. Of Wren's Bridge at Cambridge he wrote to the Master of St. John's College: "You need not be solicitous that the bridge should appear fine to the river and to the bargemen; it is enough if the arches give passage to boats and floods and be firmly built upon good foundations and with good material." The home built upon the teaching of God's Word will weather the storm.

"Big bridges are built beneath water." So strong characters are built down out of sight, deep, deep in the love of Christians parents and deep, deep in the love of God.

God's First Institution

By MRS. DON P. MONTGOMERY, Youngstown, Ohio

"Home, home, sweet, sweet home
Be it ever so humble, there's no
place like home."

SO sang John Howard Payne, though an exile far from his native land, but in that song he struck a chord which immortalized him, for he was singing about that first and fundamental institution which we call "home."

The home is central in human society and, therefore, central among the interests of men and women of all ages and lands. The home is the oldest institution with which human beings are acquainted. "God set the solitary in families" (Psalm 68.6) thus creating the institution from which flow forth fountains of inspiration and influence which give character, stability and solidarity to the world.

Washington Irving defines "home" as "the gathering place of the affections" and the Standard dictionary defines it thus:

"Home's not merely four square
walls,
Tho' with pictures hung and
gilded;
Home is where affection calls—
Where its shrine the heart has
builded."

The home is not only the place of affection, but church and state are dependent upon it for their existence. It is the original source of authority, government, morality and religion. There the church was organized. There human government was instituted. There marriage was divinely solemnized. Without home ties, home government and discipline, home virtue and piety, the church could not exist and society would fall to pieces. Is it any wonder then, that God guards the family life with such jealous care and lays upon marital and parental relations such solemn obligations? Is it any wonder, either, that good people mourn at any attack upon family life or are alarmed when seeing any sign of looseness or decay in family religion?

Plato and Aristotle years ago, held that the constitution of the family was the basis and prototype of the constitution of the state. History will justify the assertion that those nations have been strong in which the home life of its people have been magnified. The real strength of our nation is not in Washington, as some would have us believe, but in the homes of the people for the home is the unit of our American way of life.

A DIVINE INSTITUTION

The home is a divine institution, ordained of God. "And Jehovah God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18). The testimony of Jesus is clear on this matter. "Have ye not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave

to his wife and they twain shall be one flesh? What therefore God hath joined to-gether, let not man put asunder." (Matt. 19:4, 5.) The home also is an institution for the preservation of the race. "And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth." (Gen. 1:27, 28) Again the home is the mainstay of religion. It should be an institution to promote righteousness. Listen to the words of Moses. "These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the post of thy house and on thy gates." (Deut. 6:6, 7, 9.)

EARLY CHURCH HOMES

The early church owed much to the homes of the early disciples. Many of the earliest assemblies of the church were in their homes. Daily from house to house they brake bread and rejoiced in the fellowship of Christ and the saints. Paul was indebted to Aquilla and Priscilla for shelter, for companionship and for partnership in his labors of advancing the kingdom of Heaven. The home life of Timothy shows how ancestral faith influences life and its contacts. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in thee also." (II Tim. 1:5) In Bethany, we find Jesus a welcome guest in the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. In the home of Peter, Jesus is revealed as a healer. Matthew, when led to the Lord immediately made a feast and invited his friends to meet his guest of honor who had become the Lord of his home and the Lord of his life. As so to-day the church can never be at its best until it builds the homes of its people into its life in a vital and intimate way.

PARENTHOOD

The home more perfectly than anywhere else translates and interprets Jesus Christ to man. Some of the most important ideas and attitudes of the Christian religion derive their meaning and richness from home life. In seeking for a word which would most fitly express the meaning of God, Jesus went to the home for it. His most characteristic name for God was "Father." God meant "parenthood" lifted to its highest terms. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Luke 11.13.) Similarly Jesus glorified the word "brother" to interpret what the relationship should be among men and nations. Thus within its own life the home enriches the essential meanings of our Christian religion. A child's first world is his home. The love, security, sincerity, truth, trust and respect which prevail there prepare him for the broader world, when he goes forth into it. Likewise, a home in which the child has experiences of an opposite sort gives him a poor start in the larger world. We need Christian homes to re-embody faith

in God and to teach to young and old alike the conviction that He is God.

GOOD SOIL FOR GROWTH

Most men eminent in life had in childhood a religious home. Bishop Haven once made the statement, "Three-fourths of the most prominent scientists, authors, and merchants are not more than two generations removed from the manse." Study the lives of the world's leaders and you will be surprised to find how near to religious homes are the eminent men of the world not only today but through all ages. There are three good reasons why this is so: one is that such homes have the blessing of God upon them; another is that the atmosphere of a religious home is best suited for the formation of character; a third is that the atmosphere of a religious home is best suited to the highest development of the mind. And these three sources are the great sources of success in in the world. The influence of a religious home in childhood will almost surely assert itself in some way in after years. No matter how wayward some of the children may be, they can never quite forget the old home teaching. The lives of godly parents, the morning prayer and evening hymn linger in the halls of memory, and are sure to bring forth good results in the life.

Because love is a prominent tenet of our faith, parents sometimes hesitate to use the necessary degree of authority in the home, so essential to proper development. Joshua spoke for his whole household when he said "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

A boy did not want to go to church but the Christian father kindly but firmly insisted, "As long as my children sit at my table, they must sit in my pew." In every community there are throngs of children who are suffering from lack of parental care and authority. If they feel like going to church or Sabbath School they go; if not, they stay at home, or roam in the park or play in the streets. This lack of parental authority is a sin for which we as parents must answer.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said *"Questions of tariff and currency are literally of no consequence compared to the vital question of having the unit of our social life, the home preserved."* The plea we would make is an earnest one for more Christian homes. Some writer has said "France builds theaters and palaces, Italy builds convents, but America builds homes." Our prayer is that America may be worthy of such high praise. But home must be more than a house. There must be godly parents to shield us from temptation and God himself to strengthen us against it. Concerning that first home in the garden of Eden we read "The serpent said" (Gen. 3:4)—and he still has his say. Because Satan still lives and because there is no hope for our civilization apart from stalwart Christian character—an outgrowth of the Christian home, let us *carpe diem*—seize the day and build strongly for to-day, to-morrow and for eternity.

For the science of home is the chief-
of all;
A home that rejoices in love's saving
leaven
Comes deliciously night to the splen-
dors of Heaven.

Dangers That Threaten The Foundation

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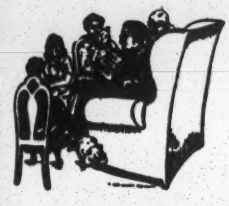

THE friendly type of home of former years has become a lonely place to be." Fathers leave their families to work in War Production Plants; older brothers have gone into the service; older sisters have gone into war work; mothers are busy with civilian defense activities or have taken their place on assembly lines; and the teen-age youngsters are forgotten. The feeling that "nobody cares anything about me" is tragic.

One Monday morning recently in one of our high schools eleven girls were truant. In every case both parents were working. One girl explained, "We all met on the corner to come to school and Mary said, 'Come on over to my house today; there is nobody at home.'" One girl said that she had to all the work at home and needed a day of pleasure now and then! When she had outlined her home life it was hard to blame her! It takes real courage and stamina on the part of some of these girls to face their "home front" these days. To the boys, lessons seem dull these days and tame when they consider what their older brothers are doing on the field of battle. They also feel forgotten when social occasions arise. Girls are more interested in "uniforms" and the boys home on leave.

FORGOTTEN YOUTH

Through our great hurry to turn out more equipment and to win battles there has been an increasing tendency to forget the younger people. The teen-agers are forgotten and neglected by almost everybody in the excitement. Mothers of young children have been urged to remain at home but many mothers of boys and girls of 14 and over have been literally shoved into war work. Quoting from Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission, "Every woman who is 18 or over, physically fit, and who has no children under 14, should be prepared to take a war job." But James Madison Wood, President of Stephens College says, "Military victory will be a hollow mockery if we produce a generation of demoralized and delinquent Americans while winning this war to preserve our way of life."

Webster defines the noun "delinquent" as—one who neglects, or fails to perform, a duty. Is it not true then that we have parental delinquency? Current magazines are full of facts and figures on juvenile delinquency. Cities are organizing committees to deal with this problem. But J. Edgar Hoover says, "What the whole country is up against, is not juvenile delinquency but adult delinquency."

Other phases of parental delinquency enter into the picture and undermine the foundation of our homes. Many parents work long hours and as a result are more irritable and less reasonable with the short comings of their children.

This may lead to mothers keeping information about short-comings from the father for fear that the father will deal unreasonably with the boy or girl. "I don't dare tell his father" one mother confided to a high school dean of boys.

When father is on the night shift and the house must be kept quiet while he sleeps, where does the teen-age group "hang out" after school and evenings? "They go stag to taverns and night clubs. They are discovered in hotels and picked up by the police. They hang out in juke joints. They run away from home. They are heading for trouble."

The incomplete home has been undermining our foundation piers for several decades: divorced homes, homes where either the father or mother is dead, or homes with foster parents, and these will be more common as the terrible months of war ahead wear on. "England has found that children can stand bombings and hardships, but break up under strain of a disjointed or broken home life. Our boys and girls are no different."

Alcoholism is another break in our foundation piers. The statistician of the Travelers Aid reports two trends—an increase in alcoholism and an increase in sexual delinquency among 14-year-olds and up. Many of the teen-age boys working in factories with men much older have taken to drinking. One young man 18 years old, who is classed 4F because of his eyes and who works in a defense plant since graduating from high school, confided that coming home from work all the riders in the car stop at a tavern each night for a drink but he orders pop. Imagine the ridicule he endures! Has his home training fitted him to hold out against such persecution?

Many cities report that the number of children working full or part time is steadily increasing. With this increase come reports of truancy, falling asleep in school rooms and failing in school work. A recent survey in the high schools of one of our cities revealed that 33 1/3% were working after school, many of them as many as 6 hours a day—and some were working 8-hour shifts in addition to a full school day! Such a problem will result in physical breakdown or failure in school. And so the story goes. "Truancy, too much money, vandalism, sex delinquency, venereal infection, illegitmacy, leaving or failing in school, too little parental control and supervision—and *understanding* and the teen-age group is in trouble and our foundation piers are crumbling."

ARE CHILDREN EXPENDABLE?

What are we going to do about it? A government bulletin published by the Children's Bureau states, "Not one of our children is expendable, either in war or in peace. Whatever may happen to grown-ups, our children must be kept safe, strong, assured. Parents must be the first to shoulder that task. When they do a good job by their own children they are doing a vital war job for our Nation. And there's no care so good as the care that devoted parents can give at home."

"Mothers who work at home, building buoyant health and spirits

in their chidren, are doing essential war work, just as surely as mothers who take jobs outside the home." J. Edgar Hoover says, *"There must be no absenteeism among mothers."* "The happy home—the one in which there is no delinquency—is the home where the child rushes in and calls, 'Mother!' and gets a welcoming answer. More than ever Mothers must find ways to teach their daughters that chastity is the best policy, and they must banish false modesty and give their sons the advice and knowledge which will bring them through this trying time clean and well."

President Wood of Stephens College advocates that if drafting of women comes, that mothers should be drafted. "I would tell them they were being called first because their job in their home is as important as any other job in the nation. I would see that they were recognized as being fully as vital to the war effort as our women in uniform or overalls. If the draft imposes financial hardships on some mothers, why not pay them for staying at home and rearing the America of tomorrow? Actually the plan would pay for itself by saving millions which juvenile delinquency now costs us."

GOOD NEIGHBORS

As mothers we must open our homes to neighborhood children. A truant officer in one of our schools called parents of three families together whose teen-age boys and girls had been playing truant and breaking into homes and stealing money to pay for their good times. He said, "Why don't some of you parents fit up your basement for a game room and craft studio? Get these youngsters interested in making games and puzzles for home and hospital use or some other useful craft work. Get volunteer leaders in hobbies, story telling and home music."

Churches may help by fitting up a game room and having supervised games afternoons and nights. Roller skating parties in church basements would be far from sacreligious. Build an outdoor fireplace back of the church where these youngsters who have to cook their own meals can have a weiner roast occasionally.

High school boys and girls with some help and guidance could conduct playgrounds for younger children in the community, on church lots, or in some one's back yard. Offer a prize for the best play yard in the community. High schoolers can help arrange these play yards. "In our relationships with the teenage group at home, at school, in the recreation program, in the church, and in the defense work we must be *friendlier, more patient, more understanding, more interested in them as individuals,* more willing to give them responsibility—and to help carry it."

"THY VOWS ARE UPON ME, O GOD"

As Christian parents what were the vows we took when we had our little ones baptized? *"Do you solemnly promise, if God shall spare your life and that of your children, to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to instruct them in regard to their lost condition by nature, and to lead them to*

the Saviour; to pray with them and for them; to worship God regularly in your family ;to set before them an example of piety (means Christian living) ; and to use all the appointed means for their salvation?" This is a sacred covenant with God. We have failed to keep it. But, with God's help, it is not too late for most of us and our growing children. Clip this vow and put it in your Bible. Read it often. Let us pray *with* and *for* our children. Let us set before them the right example by living changed lives in our homes—Christ guided lives. Let us lead our children into the Kingdom, then our foundation piers will be strong and sure.

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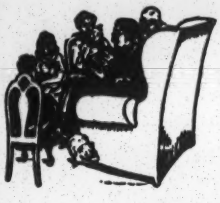
"The Church In Thy House"

By MRS. A. W. BLACKWOOD, Princeton, N. J.



THROUGHOUT the Scriptures the idea of the family as a unit is emphasized. When God came to earth He came in the form of a little Babe and was born into a family. He lived and grew up in a family with brothers and sisters until He set out on His "preaching mission." These facts assure us that the home is the most important unit in human society and that it has Divine sanction.

On what foundations can the Christian home be built? Here the Scriptural teaching is clear. The Old Testament commandment is, "Neither shalt thou make marriages with them (the unbelievers); thy daughter shalt thou not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods. (Deut. 7:34). The Apostle Paul exhorts, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what concourse hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (IICor. 6:14, 15).

There can be no doubt as to the meaning here. The first foundation stone for a Christian home is a mutual interest in things spiritual. Setting up a new home is one of the sweetest of human joys. Can not we wives all recall those first thrilling and exciting days of arranging furniture, hanging pictures, surprising our man with some new dish, (and sometimes it *was* a surprise!) dream our dreams and building our castles? Yes, those were precious times. If all the days of life could run on in this same vein of uninterrupted delight one could understand how two people might get along after a fashion without any form of religion. But life does not run that way. There come days of illness, of business reverses, death in the family circle, of some break in our ordered lives and what then? Unless there is something outside ourselves on which we can rely there is disorder and heartache, confusion and frustration. How very important it is then that we be not "unequally yoked together;" that we be united in our spiritual lives when we can rightfully turn to the Source of all power and wisdom in our need. What right have we to call on God for help in the day of trouble if we ignore Him when the sun shines? The home that will endure the storms of life must be built on a solid foundation. "But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ." ICor. 3:10,11). This is a fundamental principle in spiritual building, whether it be the building of an individual life, of a family, or of a church.

That there should be religious teaching in the home is clearly taught in God's Word. Specific Scriptural instructions are given:

"The Lord our God is one Lord: and these words which I command thee this day shall be in thy heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up." (Deut. 6:4-7). "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (IITim. 1:5,6). "The foundation of God standeth sure." (IITim. 2:19). "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:14,15).

Different times Paul says: "Salute the church which is in thy (his) house." He may have referred to a "cottage prayer meeting" where the neighboring Christians gathered for stated services, or he may have had in mind one large patriarchal group made up of many members, living under one roof, where day by day family worship was observed.

THE FAMILY ALTAR

Granting the spiritual unity between husband and wife it is essential that there should be a family altar, with evening and morning prayers "when thou liest down and when thou risest up." This is the best lubricant for family machinery that one can have. Every mother has had the experience of rising in the morning and finding the day starting all wrong. But if one sits down quietly with the other members of the family and listens to a few verses of God's word, followed with prayer, the clouds have a way of disappearing. How can one keep Christ the center of the home without this outward and ordinary means of grace? This can not be stressed too strongly. If we could have the family altar established in every family belonging to the church, three fourths of the marital difficulties would disappear, for unless one is an utter hypocrite one must yield to the influence of God's word. With the mounting numbers of divorces among so called Christian people and the appalling increase in juvenile delinquency one cannot view the situation without alarm. Judges, courts, social workers and teachers all agree that the roots of these troubles lie in the lack of good moral foundations—that is, home training and evironment. No thinking person can doubt the need of secure foundations and the necessity of drawing nigh to God, "when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

EXCUSES

The chief excuse given for neglecting the family altar is a lack of time. This is an excuse and not a reason. If we expect to spend eternity with the Father it's a pretty good plan to begin enjoying Him here below! We always find time for the things we think are important. There is always time in our childrens' daily schedule for eating, physical exercise, plenty of sleep, school, for everything except worship, which is vastly more important than all these others

combined. It is true it takes a bit of planning and keeping an eye on the clock but it can be done. The mother must so arrange the household schedule that there will be time for God's five minutes.

Another excuse given for not having the family altar is "I can't pray aloud." Again this is not a reason. There are many little books put out by the various church boards which give daily devotional readings and a comment on them, together with a ready made prayer. If one is in earnest about this matter he will soon learn to voice his own petitions. In one home we knew, the father who was a busy physician, had been reared in a home where there were no family prayers. As his four children were growing he began to realize that he was neglecting his religious responsibilities as a father. The family decided to set aside a few minutes before breakfast each morning for prayers. The father read a passage of Scripture, then the family knelt and prayed the Lord's prayer together. That father soon learned to form his own prayers.

PLANNED WORSHIP

In another home there is a different plan. Each day, immediately after the morning and evening meals the father selects a portion of Scripture which is used over a period of time. After a few readings the children begin to join in, reciting from memory while the father reads from the Book for accuracy. In the course of a week or two the children have committed to memory that passage. Special attention is paid to "seasonal" readings. In December the beautiful prophecies concerning the coming of Christ are used, then as Christmas draws nearer the exquisite stories of His birth as told by Matthew and Luke are learned. When any member of the family is traveling by car or train Psalm 121 is repeated and prayer is made for the safe keeping of the traveller. During Holy Week the passages about the Saviour's agony and death are used and the children eagerly await the thrilling story of the Resurrection. Throughout the year the golden chapters of the Bible are learned. The Psalms, passages from Isaiah, the Beatitudes, the parables, portions of the Epistles, etc. Then there are the great Old Testament narratives which are read but not memorized, such as the creation, the flood, the calling of Abram, the story of Joseph, etc. Recently the father was reading from Daniel and for sake of brevity stopped in an interesting place. The thirteen year old boy exclaimed, "O, Daddy, you always stop in the most exciting place." Imagine family prayers being exciting!

The old hymns are learned in the same way. After the reading of the Scripture, a short intimate prayer is offered by the father and the family joins in closing with the Lord's prayer. If the father is absent from home the mother leads in the worship.

This way is most effective in "teaching them to your children." It does not matter so much what method is used so long as there is some plan which is carried out regularly and which teaches the child that God has the first place in the home.

"Home influence at its best is without doubt the deepest and most determining form of religious edu-

cation that a child can receive. This influence is subtle, constant and pervading. The ideals of godly parents become unconsciously and the ideals of their children."

(*The Romance of the Ministry By Raymond Calkins*)

"NO MORE STRANGERS . . . BUT OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD"

This influence extends even beyond the family circle. I should like to quote from two letters which have come to our home. When we have guests, family prayers are carried on as usual with no apology or explanation to our guests. It is as much a part of our daily life as the meals at table. The first letter is from a soldier a Polish boy, who was in trouble at camp. He had been acused of something of which he was wholly innocent, ("but you can't argue with an officer!"). He left camp so discouraged and angry that he decided to take his own life, but the Lord directed his steps to our home before he could carry out his plan. We did not know until his letter came about his trouble, but he wrote in part, "you invited me into your living room and let me play with your darling little boys. I felt the warm circle of little arms about my neck. Your dear wife talked to me as a sister and invited me to supper. Then you let me join in your evening prayers and you took me to church. By the time this was all over I had found my way back to God again and I came back to camp feeling that God was still in His Heaven. You will never know what the sweet peace of your home and your prayers did for me but God does and may He reward you accordingly. I just wanted you to know." The other is from a Sophmore in college who spent an Easter holiday with us. He wrote, "My stay at your home was really delightful. I have never been in such an atmosphere of repose before. Never has leisure seemed quite so sane, and may I say that this young cynic returned to college with something he did not possess before. Please accept my sincerest gratitutes." In each case, suppose there had been no family prayers?

A little girl once commented, after telling a guest that her age was seven "I think seven is such a difficult age!" This same little girl is now a freshman in a large University and I dare say she finds life at seventeen even more "difficult" than she did at seven. Because of war work in which her father is engaged she is now separated from her parents by a whole continent. But I know the faith that dwelt in her mother, and her grandmother, and her greatgrandmother and I am persuaded that is in her also and that she will be able to withstand the storms of temptation that beset all young people today, because her foundations are secure.

May each of us declare with Joshua of old, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:1-15) and remember that "the foundation of God standeth sure."

Suggested helps:

The Upper Room by the Methodist Board.

Five Minutes a Day by Robert E. Speers.

The Garden of Prayer by Henry Orr Leitman.

Suggested Devotional Service

For Program-Study on "Foundations—The Christian Home"

By (MRS. C. W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

Devotional Theme for year beginning April, 1944: SPIRITUAL SPANS.

April: The Span of Justice. Prov. 3:33.

(*Feature a picture, such as "Bethany" or "The Omnipresence of Christ" by Hofmann, or "Supper at Emmaus" or "Christ Among the Lowly" by L'Hermitte. On a table beneath the picture, place a large family Bible flanked by tall, lighted tapers. Use strains of "Home, Sweet Home" for a prelude.*)

Call to Worship: (*Use words of Bible Songs Hymnal No.* 98, *stanzas* 3, 4.)

Song: B. S. H. No. 5

Leader: Is our God a God of justice?

Response: Job 37:23; Ps. 89:14; Ps. 9:8; Jer. 23:5; Isa. 45:21.

Poem: (*Use words of Psalter Hymnal No.* 12, *stanzas* 5, 4, 7, 8, 9.)

Leader: Who is a just and righteous man?

Response: Prov. 4:18; 10:20; 10:31; 20:7; 21:15; Rom. 1:17.

Poem and Response: (*Have four members in different parts of the room rise in turn and recite a stanza of B. S. H. No.* 1. *Have audience sing chorus after each stanza.*)

Leader: Between our God and each home on the earth stretches a span of justice—an intangible span. Over the span to each home of the just and righteous flows God's blessing. This description is found in Prov. 3:33.

Song: Psalter Hymnal No. 258.

Scripture Reading: 11 Tim. 1:1-12. (*Precede this reading with a few remarks on "Three generations of a Religious Family in Bible Times."*)

Three Poems: (*Enter a Grandmother, a Mother, and a Junior, each carrying a lily. The Grandmother reads the first poem; the Mother, the second; the Junior, the third. All lay lilies on the table in front of the Bible.*)

1. "O lilies, joyous and stately!
   With never a thought of pride,
   What treasures of trust and sweetness
   Come with you at Eastertide!"

2. "Bury the pride that has sprung from naught,
   The envy and hate of a blackened hour;
   Arise to the Christ-life purely fraught
   With love as white as the Easter flower."

3. "Like Easter lilies, pure and white,
   Make Thou our hearts, O Lord of Light!
   Like Easter lilies, let them be
   Sweet chalices of love to Thee!"

Prayer: (*See* 3, 14, 30 *Days in the Prayer Cycle.*)

Reading and Song: B. S. H. No. 3. (*Leader reads stanzas* 1 *and* 2 *with soft musical accompaniment; all unite in singing stanza* 3.)

Closing Thought: Micah 6:8.

Open Doors*

By MISS ALICE SHOFE, Clay Center, Kansas

MANY doors are mentioned in the Bible: the door of heaven, the door of faith, the door of our lips. Christ said, "I am the door," John on the Isle of Patmos heard the risen Lord say, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it.'' (Rev. 3:8b)

How shall we define this door? It is not the door of salvation, for this message was sent to the Church which the Lord commended for loyalty to His word and His name . It is, rather, a door of service. There is no grandeur about it; no allurement to great achievement to win applause from the world. It is a simple, unadorned door through which the servants pass, a door that reflects the atmosphere of a busy life.

But the Master of that door is so gracious and merciful that those who have served Him long are constrained to ask, as one of them has asked, "Is there any limit to what God is prepared to do for the one who loves His Son well enough to meet His lightest wish?"

To what does this door lead? To the Church, the unregenerated world is the field of service into which this door opens. To the individual member of the Church it is a door to some special part of the field. Not every member is called to a field that will need all his time and strength, but he is called occasionally for some special duty. The Spirit did not send Philip to Gaza to establish and nurture a Church, but to meet one man and lead him to Christ.

Wherever we may be sent, it is comforting to notice that no man can shut the door. Other's may hinder our going in, by adverse advice, mistaken judgment as to our fitness, or by prejudice, but the door remains open.

Where do we find this open door to service? The message to the Church in Philadelphia was, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door." "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward," was the word of the Lord to Moses when the Israelites stood on the shore of the Red Sea, the Egyptian army in pursuit.

We go forward, for the open door of service is before us. It may not be far from us, it may be anywhere in the world. There may be difficulties in reaching the door, a Red Sea to cross, but let us notice what further word the Lord gave Moses. "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward," then without ending the sentence He continued, "but lift thou up thy rod and stretch out thine hand over the Sea and divide it." God does not expect us to reach our open door without guidance.

* At the last meeting of Concordia Presbyterial, before the Presbytery was divided and dissolved, the same subjects for the Program used 50 years before were used. "Open Doors" was one of the papers presented in 1898 and in 1948.

Since Moses' rod was the symbol of God's power in Moses, we may think of it as typifying prayer. R. A. Torrey said that prayer can do anything that God can do, and since God is all-powerful it follows that prayer can do anythng in accordance with His will. Not careless prayer, however. Look again at the word to Moses. "Stretch out thine hand." Moses was to put all his own energy into the act. God's power began where Moses' power ended. It is stretched-out prayer that leads us to our open door.

How can one know which door is hers? Some one has said, "There are three factors which must be in focus to show God's will conclusively. These factors are: (1) The principles of God's word, (2) the sanctified voice of the Spirit within, and (3), the open door of Providence without." When these factors come to a focus on any question we know we have God's will.

Before our country entered the war, demonstrations were made here and there showing the efficacy of powerful search lights making visible a supposedly enemy airplane flying in the night skies. There were three of these powerful beams, starting from points several miles apart, sweeping across the sky in search of the plane, then all coming to a focus at that point, so bathing the plane in the intensified light as to make it an excellent target.

The plane could, and did, evade the beams of light. When it slipped out of sight, the light beams separated, and swung ponderously here and there, until one found the plane and held steady until the other two came into position and once more the plane was clearly revealed.

It was an apt illustration of these three factors, which, in focus on one point, reveal God's will. Each of the factors is a powerful beam of light, yet all are needed to give one assurance as to her open door. It is possible for one to have the first two, but have to wait for the open door.

The Apostle Paul, starting on a missionary tour, tried several doors but found them closed. He must have had the voice of the Spirit at first, but for a time it failed him. When he reached Troas his feet were on the right path, and the voice of the Spirit gave him direction to the open door. Jonah had all three factors sharply in focus; there was no possible doubt about his open door. But Jonah tried to evade. At Joppa he found a ship ready to sail to Tarshish, and he took it as an open door to escape. It closed on him. But in his prison the recalcitrant servant of the Lord saw these three powerful beams of light in focus once more on an open door, and he accepted his call to enter. It is always thus; no servant of the Lord can evade God's will for him and be happy. Sooner or later the Lord will bring His unwilling servant into full obedience.

In the fifty years since Concordia Presbyterial was organized, there must have been many changes in open doors. Servants of the Lord have finished their work in foreign fields and have gone home to their reward, others have retired, leaving the work in younger hands.

The doors are not closed although two world wars have interrupted

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Autobiography Of United Presbyterian Women*

By MISS MARGARET H. MILLER, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Setting: The living room of the *average family. Mother speaks from off stage (supposedly from up-stairs) and does not appear at any time. Thus she will not need to let the public in on the secret that she has not memorized her speeches. A library table can be used at the center of the stage, with one chair in the right (stage right, but left side from the audience's point of view) where Mary will be seated. There will be two chairs left of the table. Helen will be seated in the first chair left of the table and Jane in the second chair to the left of the table. Sue will sit on the floor in front of Jane. These are all normal chattering girls. Front door closes and Mary walks in with the afternoon mail.*

MARY—Hello. Anybody home?

MOTHER—Hello, Mary. You're home early this afternoon. See if there is any mail, will you?

MARY—I'm ahead of you. It is already in, inspected, and most of it ready for disposal—in the waste paper basket.

MOTHER—Any word from your Aunt Laura?

MARY—No, no letters of any importance. Just three store bills, an advertisement from a book company, and your Missionary Magazine.

MOTHER—Lay the bills and the ads aside for your father, but please, Mary, put my magazine over on the magazine rack where I can find it in a hurry. My Missionary Magazines have a strange way of hiding from view, just when I need them. And that is the one magazine that I must have, just when I want it.

MARY—Some of the girls will be in this afternoon for we are working on a report for class tomorrow. That is why we cut the basketball game so we could get this report out of the way. Our crowd offered to be responsible for India and this is the last night before that old report is due.

MOTHER—Why don't you learn to get your work out of the way before the last night?

MARY—I'm just like my own dear mother. F'rintance" she grabs up her Missionary Magazine, after a desperate hunt, and tries to skim the review of the study book, so she can look wise and nod at the right moments. You know if you and your pals really worked as hard on your book reviews and your topics as our crowd will have to do for Mr. Giles for this class report, you'd really know your missions.

SHRILL WHISTLE—(*Outside—Helen calls—Marrrry, home yet? Helen, Jane and Sue arrive at the door.*)

SUE—Guess what? Bill says that he's sure——

MARY—Now let's postpone Bill till we attend to India. Let's get busy and divide this material.

JANE—I want to tell about the customs of India. I'm pretty keen about their way of making sure their girls have husbands. You know the parents select her husband before she is born, sometimes, and it saves their girls a great amount of anxiety. I wish my parents had selected a husband for me, before they had seen me.

HELEN—Jane, you are wrong about that. The Missionary Magazine that comes to our house says that is an old custom and that girls are sometimes permitted to choose, much like our American girls. I'll find that copy for you, for it would help with your report.

SUE—Let me tell about the political conditions in India. I couldn't

*A Playlet given June 16, 1948, at the 60th Annual Convention of the W.G.M.S., in connection with the Magazine Shower.

possibly tell all about it in ten minutes, so there should be plenty of material and to spare.

MARY—Mother, where did you hear that story that you were telling at the dinner table last night? It would be a good one for you, Sue.

MOTHER—(*From off stage*)—Mary, if you will go to the magazine rack and look for my Missionary Magazine for last May, you will find the article that Mrs. Alter wrote about her observations of the political conditions in India.

HELEN—Give me a chance at the geography of India. The National Geographic published so many pictures of the flowers of India and somehow, I see so much more in all of those pictures since I heard Dr. Stewart at the New Wilmington Conference, and then read in the Missionary Magazine about his being an authority on the botany of India. I never knew anybody who was sent on an expedition for the Geographic, but you can't fool me. When I know some of the missionaries and their stories, the Geographic pictures are more real to me.

JANE—Maybe the Geographic helps too, to make the missionary stories seem more real. (*Phone rings.*) Now, Mary, don't let Ted spoil our afternoon. Besides he walked her home from school—as usual—and they have said all that they know—for another day.

SUE—Don't fool yourself, there is nothing new for either of them to say. Ted just carries Mary's books, while the rest of us struggle under the load, by ourselves.

MARY—(*At Phone*) — Hello—Oh, yes, Dad. Ask Mother what? About Cairo? (*Girls are all disappointed.*) He is? Does he really wear one of those funny little hats? I have seen pictures of them, lots of times. Oh, he doesn't? That's too bad. Well, you better talk with Mother, for she knows lots more about Egypt than I do. Be sure and tell us all about him when you come home. Yes, Mother will take the call, upstairs. Mother, Dad wants to talk to you.

MARY—Girls, guess what? Dad is to introduce a real Egyptian at the Rotary tonight. But he is so weak on his facts about Egypt that he is calling for Mother to tell him enough about Cairo that he will not disgrace himself. Don't worry, she will give him the straight stuff from some of the accounts in the Missionary Magazine. Once she reads them, she never forgets. But what a letdown. Dad says he is dressed just like an American man. Wouldn't it have been thrilling if he had looked like a shiek?

SUE—I get the idea from what my mother tells that the folks in other countries are all about alike, under the skin, so why shouldn't we all dress alike and make the same appearance??

JANE—Speaking of clothes, you should notice the pictures in the Missionary Magazine that show the styles in the Sudan. They remind me of the way Kipling dressed Gunga Din with "a piece of twisted rag before and less than 'alf of that behind." But I am glad that they use so many pictures in the magazine for I will never get to visit those places and see the natives. And the pictures do help my imagination.

SUE—Well, Bill says —

MARY—Yes, Sue, what does Bill have to say that fits into these preliminaries about our report on India?

SUE—You'd be surprised at how much Bill does know. Bill says that when he was getting his material for Current Events Club about Haile Selasse, he called the city library to inquire for some help. And imagine his surprise when the librarian told him that if he could find the "Missionary Magazine" he could find his material. You see, our church established its missions there in Ethiopia so early that our Missionary Magazine was ready with the story first. Did his mother smile when

Bill began to read *The Women's Missionary Magazine* so diligently!

MARY—Let me tell you something that makes me rather proud. My grandmother used to subscribe for the Missionary Magazine and she had a habit of saving every copy. Not so long ago, Mother discovered that Grandmother's old copies here would make a complete series, and she has had them all bound to keep them in good condition. You know they are really the autobiography of the Women of the United Presbyterian Church. Those copies show what the women of our church have been thinking about, praying for, maintaining, and accomplishing.

This Autobiography has been purchased on the 20th century installment plan—One Dollar a year while the editor has twelve months to deliver her new installments.

MOTHER—Mary, dear, I heard what you were telling. Grandmother's series is not the only complete, bound series, either. There is a complete file in the Board Rooms. A complete set is on file in the Public Library at Xenia, Ohio, another is at Sterling College, one is at Octoraro, Pennsylvania, another is at the Presbyterian Foundation at Montreat, N. C., a set is in our Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary, in Pittsburgh, another has been placed in the Yale Divinity School upon their request, when the war is over another set is to cross the ocean upon the request of the International Women's Movement to be placed among their archives in Holland—and soon Grandmother plans to send this series, beautifully bound, to be housed in the Congressional Library in Washington.

Yes, dear, this is a magazine that has carried our church's missionary news to thousands of women in the United Presbyterian Church for almost 60 years—but you girls better get busy on the report on India for Mr. Giles' class for tomorrow.

OPEN DOORS

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the work, and Ethiopia was largely closed to missionaries for a while. Native Christians carried on, and now missionaries are allowed to return, "Behold, I have set an open door before thee, and no man can close it." The danger in transportation on the seas is a hindrance today, but as fast as ships can be found to take them our missionaries face the danger unflinchingly. The long waiting periods are used to witness for the Lord in new places.

New fields are opening. There are more open doors to service for the Lord today than the Church can find servants prepared and willing to enter. They are everywhere, from street corners in our own towns to the farthest isles of the seas. The Lord is still asking, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Will you, and you, and you, give the answer? "Here am I; send me."

There may be nothing glamorous in your call; you may be sent to "Gaza, which is desert" to meet one person and bring that one to Christ, but that one may have the power of a Saul of Tarsus and reach the thousand you cannot reach.

American College For Girls, Cairo Egypt*

Th Open Door

THE DOOR SWINGS WIDE

The door swings wide
To knowledge, joy of books, wonders of the earth
And sky. The wisdom of the centuries
Wait for the fearless seeker at the door.
Inside are counsellors, ready to go
With young adventuring minds on quest of truth
And beauty found beyond the classroom's lore.
Inside is fellowship, hearts one in song
And prayer; inside the vision of the Christ—
To rich abundant life, the Shining Door—
The door swings wide to God.

—Catherine Baker.

The door of the American College for Girls has swung wider the past year than in any time in its history. Our missionary women in charge of this school have borne great burdens. The depleted staff, the rising cost of living, the problems of transportation and many inconveniences incident to war have added to the cares of these workers. They have triumphed over difficulty and are rejoicing over the new and unusual opportunities that have come to them in their service for the girls of Egypt.

COMMENCEMENT DAY

Commencement Day is the crowning day of the year for any college. June 11, 1943 saw a large crowd assemblel on the campus to enjoy the exercises. Dr. E. E. Elder of Cairo was the presiding officer of the day. Rev. Ghobrial Riskallah, pastor of one of the eighteen Evangelical (United Presbyterian) churches in Cairo offered the invocation. The program consisted of music by students of the Music Department, and essays by four ranking students—one in English, one in French and two in Arabic. His

*Part of a circular letter sent out by Publicity Committee of the Home Council.

Excellency Mr. Alexander Kirk, United States Minister to Egypt, made the commencement address. He was impressed, he said by the beauty of the whole afternoon, the beauty that appealed to the ear, to the sight, to the mind and to the spirit. He could not but speak of shadows that would come in the days ahead but he concluded, "I wish you would ever remember yourselves just as you are now."

At the close of his address Mr. Kirk presented diplomas to fifteen girls graduating from the College and to eighteen graduating from the Preparatory Department. Following this the Andrew Watson prizes and the Patton Prize were presented to the winners by Colonel Wallace McClenahan, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert McClenahan.

Before dismissal Dr. Elder announced that this is the 25th year Dr. Martin has been a member of the College Staff, twenty years as Principal. At this point Mr. Kirk arose and shook hands with Dr. Martin amid the applause of guests and students. In various ways at a later time the girls honored Dr. Martin. One of the Seniors wrote of her: "There is one main center in the life of Dr. Martin and from this center radiate all her thoughts. She has loved others, and for that reason she has left her home and come here; she has loved Egypt and for that reason she has remained in Egypt. We feel that she has understood us and loved us. . . . As we quit the walls of this school, we wish the echo of her ideals might be heard far into the coming years and that they might be appreciated by all the students."

THE STUDENTS

The type of students in this institution is interesting. The girls are of many nationalities and from many walks of life, but the majority are from homes of comparative wealth and from homes of ranking officials in the government. This is of peculiar interest because the Egyptian Government now has schools running up to the University, which is a co-educational institution. Our college enjoys the confidence of parents who want their girls to have the best in education and culture but who also recognize its value in producing character.

This past year many more girls applied for admission than could be accommodated, much to the disappointment of parents. One very important man brought his daughter asking that she be taken as a boarder. When told by the teachers that every available place was filled he went away in a very bad frame of mind with the parting word: "I will give you just one week to find a place for my daughter." They found a place! *But three hundred girls who applied were turned away.*

An Iranian Princes, 15 years old, whose mother is a sister of the Shah, came in the summer. Under instruction she is not to be called "Her Highness," but to be just one of the girls. Emperor Haile Selassie has sent six girls, with perhaps more or less royal blood in their veins. "Princes shall come out of Egypt," wrote the prophet of old. Yes, and *Princesses shall go out of Egypt* to carry immeasurable values to their people. It stirs one's heart to think of the marvelous opportunity and the priceless privilege this college has of educating leaders not only for the new Egypt, but for the new Persia and the new Ethiopia.

The girls usually come here for their preparatory work and thus have long years of instruction under Christian teachers. Long years in which they study the Bible; long years when they join in Christian worship in the daily chapel service as the Bible is read, hymns sung and prayers offered to God in the name of Jesus Christ. Two chapel ex-

ercises are held—one in English for the older girls and one in Arabic for the younger ones who are not sufficiently advanced to join in the English service. This year Dales Memorial Chapel is filled to capacity, even the balcony being full.

While a large percentage of the girls is non-Christian, yet a large proportion is Christian. A regular Sabbath School is held on the Sabbath Day followed by a church service conducted by one of the missionaries or one of the Egyptian pastors.

Mention should be made of the Christian organizations within the student body. The Christian Endeavor Society and the Junior Christian Endeavor Society carry on activities as well as these organizations do in our own land. Several of the members of the faculty —Egyptians, go out every Sabbath morning to conduct Bible schools in crowded sections of the city where no other Gospel services are held.

There is always great interest on the part of the whole student body in the Annual Thank Offering service. The offering last year was over two hundred dollars.

THE FACULTY

The Faculty is made up of missionaries, teachers of English and specialized subjects and Egyptian teachers. There are six American missionaries who are supported by the Women's General Missionary Society: Dr. Helen Martin, Miss Evelyn McFarland, Miss Stella Robertson, Miss Sarah B. Meloy, Mrs. G. G. Gutteridge (nee Mary Stevenson) and Mrs. William Fennell, (nee Mabel McMichael). In normal times several short term missionaries are added to the faculty. All of these have left and no new ones can be sent at this time. With the furloughs of the missionaries overdue, all are placed under great strain. Fortunately there have been some teachers, married women, both Americans and British, in Egypt who have been secured to help from time to time.

An increasing number of Egyptian teachers have been added to the Faculty. Miss Mona Dos who

Dales Memorial Chapel, College for Girls, Cairo, Egypt

came to the United States for special study a few years ago, is a very capable teacher of Home Economics. In a recent letter to a friend she wrote: "My work is very interesting and I love it." Speaking of the older girls, she said: "The work with them is by far the most interesting. I am emphasizing dietetics and the work is highly individual. Each girl wrote a term paper on a certain subject, then read it to the class with a demonstration. I wish you could see those papers. They are quite up to college standards."

NORTH-SOUTH-EAST-WEST

Egypt has always been at the cross-roads. Today the world is crowding upon her. Think of all the notable diplomatic people who have been there! Think of the great world decisions that have been made under the shadow of the Pyramids! Great personages from the Far East have paused in their westward journeys. Dr. Wu, President of Ginling College was a rather recent speaker at the Chapel. Mr. Tang Wu, Charge de'Affaires, and Mrs. Tang Wu, of China, were recent visitors. The students were delighted to know that both of these outstanding people were educated in American colleges in China. An outstanding Negro soloist and a group of Negro soldiers with their songs and their mandolins delighted the girls. They were entertained at tea following their recital. The chaplain gave a message at a chapel service.

In turn college girls have gone to the hospitals with lovely songs for sick soldiers. All are joining in Red Cross work for these boys who are standing guard over their beloved land.

The Faculty of the College as well as all other missionary folk, have given a touch of American life to the boys both British and American on Thanksgiving and Christmas and other special days. They hav had weekly teas on certain eve nings, when boys come informall for song and fellowship and praye How the ones who are musical en joy playing on the Hammond Or gan! These boys will have a new understanding of what the word "Missions" means. Some have love it all so much that they have really fallen in love and married member of the faculty who are continuing t teach.

FINANCES

How is this great school fi nanced? Well may the questio arise. For many years the Boar of Foreign Missions of the Unite Presbyterian Church made an ap propriation annually. Then cam the days of retrenchment and th Board could not continue thi grant. As has been said the Boar of Directors of the Women's Gen eral Missionary Society has alway paid the salaries of the missionarie who work in the college. As for th rest of the support there has bee no source except the tuition of th pupils and contributions of friend The Home Council was formed sev en years ago to aid the College i various ways. The most outstand ing contribution was the Hammon Organ the gift of one man as a memorial to his wife. Scholarship have been provided for worth girls; Books have been sent to th Library and numerous small im provements have been added fro time to time.

The Home Council plans to send a school bus as soon as money an transportation can be secured. A is well known young girls in a Eastern city cannot go in public con veyances. It is necessary to provid a bus for those distant from th school. The old buses are in need of constant repair. A new bus i imperative.

There is always the need fo scholarships. Daughters of pastor

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Good News from Far Countries

Egypt

MRS. W. J. SKELLIE, Editor, Luxor, Egypt

OLUNTEER SERVICE IN P. M. I.

Miss Modifa Wissa directs the ork of our Volunteers and has one so for many years. She is a onsecrated teacher, who not only xcels in the class room, but also ives constantly of her time and trength to the religious activities of he school. She presided over a oom full of volunteers and inter- sted visitors at the Annual Report eeting. Delicate in body but trong in spirit, she gave praise to od for the good work done during he year. Twenty-three meetings ad been conducted regularly, in- luding two for the workers of the chool and one for the boarders held i-weekly. The volunteers num- ered 41, of whom 10 were teach- rs. She spoke of the temperance aching given and pledges signed gainst drinking and smoking, of hristmas cards distributed with ppropriate verses in Arabic pasted n the back, of 107 gospels given ut at the last meeting to those who ad committed the memory texts. even of these were given to the chool servants who have learned read.

The girls had met and over- me real difficulties in the work. one place the big boys disturbed e meeting, in another a woman etermined to argue religious ques- ons, and in another the owners of e house sold their place and with al difficulty the girls found a sec- nd place. One report caused a mile. A non-Christian woman anted to sign the temperance edge. She was told that it meant e must not drink and must try also prevent her husband from sell- g drugs. She was faithful herself nd warned her husband several times. But after a few weeks he was caught and put into prison. When the girls began to sympathize with her she said she was comfort- ed, for now he couldn't prevent her from coming to the meeting every week.

Perhaps extracts from one of the reports will give you the best idea of the work:

"As soon as we went down from the car the children began to follow us to the houses where we had our meetings. Some of them went along repeating some verses they had learned or singing part of a song we taught them. Others asked whether we had any pictures (sometimes calling them tickets). This year we did not have many pictures, but Miss Hickma tried hard to bring some. At times she brought with her the little pictures found in some kind of chocolate. Our followers increased as we went on. It was very interesting to hear the remarks they made about us, criticising us from head to foot.

"We did not hold this meeting quite regularly this year. One reason was that the car was sometimes unable to take us. Another reason was that the owner of the house sometimes went to Assiut for special occasions. Sometimes another woman invited us to her house, other times we gathered the children in a part of the street called 'El Saqueefa' because it had a roof. There were mud benches on both sides of this street. We used one to sit on ourselves and the children sat on the others. It was sometimes difficult to control them in that place because there was a big distance between the one bench and the other. We did not like that place as the

women refused to sit in a street. But whenever the owner of the house was present we had some very good meetings with about 25 children and eight women.

"This year we noticed that they could retain what we taught them better than any other year because we tried to simplify each thing we gave them as much as we could.

"We often spoke to them about cleanliness but it seems that poverty is the cause of dirt and ill-health there. They tried to be cleaner when they found that the cleanest ones were given pictures.

"To those who attended most regularly we gave combs, and pieces of candy for everybody that was present any day. The son of the owner of the house was given a gospel. He said, 'that is the best prize of all.' "

You can judge for yourselves the good accomplished by this group of girls. It is only one of the products of a Christian school on the Mission field. The seed thus sown will bring forth fruit.

Anna B. Criswell

THE BROTHER—AN ANSWERED PRAYER

By MISS MARGARET A. BELL
Fayoum, Egypt

Words tumbled over each other, as two small girls lifted eager questioning faces to the kind missionary who had brought them from their village home to the new Boarding school in Zagazig.

"Please, Mrs. Hart, Hannah prayed and God gave her a son. We are four girls. We have no brother. If we pray, will God give our Mother a son?" The girls had just come from the special Bible lesson which the young Zagazig pastor gave the boarding girls every Sabbath evening. It was not the first time they had come for help in applying Bible truth to their own lives.

Wise Mrs. Hart took time to talk the whole matter over with the girls. They had come to the Boarding School with the high purpose of training for Christian service. They wanted a brother, as they said, that he might become a minister, like the kind young pastor whose sermons and weekly Bible lessons gave them so much food for thought.

"If God gives you a brother, are you willing to work hard and help him get the necessary education to become a minister?" asked Mrs. Hart. They assured her that they were. After all the problems had been discussed, Mrs. Hart took them to her husband, and they talked it over with him. Then all four knelt together, the prayers were offered and the vows made. God heard and answered the prayers and sent them a brother, who was given the name Saad.

When I first knew Saad, he was a lad of seven or eight. You'd have picked him out of any bunch of boys as the one with the greatest possibilities. His lively chatter no less than his thoughtful face, clear eyes and happy smile, won our hearts when his teacher sent him to show us the houses we wanted to visit in his village near Zagazig. Years passed. Primary School, Assiut College, and the Theological Seminary followed one another in quick succession. In all these changes, his home training was a real foundation. The older of the two sisters who prayed for a brother, recently wrote, "We did our best in training him for our Master's service."

On February 19, 1943, Rev. Saad Salib was ordained and installed as pastor of our Evangelical Church in Wasta, Middle Egypt Presbytery. It was a happy day for this young but growing congregation. Rev. Quosman Wasif presided and started the service on a high note. He said it a very happy day for him. As a boy he had attended Sabbath School in this little church, and it was here that he had been born again.

For two years, Rev. Saad had been stated supply in the Wasta church and had proved his worth. Not only the members of the congregation, but many of the influential people in the community, attended the service. Middle Egypt Presbytery was well represented and Rev. Grice and Dr. Butros Abd el Malek came from the Theological Seminary in Cairo . The service, including two trial sermons by Rev. Saad Salib, was long, but each speaker led us to a higher plane and we did not feel the passage of time, nor realize,—till it was over,—that the service had been three hours long. A precious spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed.

When I was in America last time, a man who had visited Egypt as a tourist, said to me, "I don't see how you stick it in Egypt. Gloomiest place I ever saw. No one was smiling." I asked him if he had gone to church in Egypt. He replied that he had not. Certainly he would have seen happy faces had he been present in our church in Wasta that day. Dear Reader, you too, may have a share in the joy of the Lord if you will add to your prayer list this young pastor and our church in Wasta, Middle Egypt Presbytery. Our enemy never sleeps and it is your high privilege to share in the prayer that will enable our Master's servants here in the valley of the Nile to overcome through the blood of the Lamb and love not our lives unto the death.

India

By MISS ELLEN DOUGLAS, A Missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, Sardi, Central India

THE SIALKOT CONVENTION

For many years we have heard of the Sialkot Convention, which is a gathering held annually for the deepening of spiritual life. Sialkot is in the heart of the Punjab, and a long way from our field in Central India. It is not altogether unkown territory to us, however, for some of the missionaries there are friends of long standing. Most of the mission work is done by Presbyterians and United Presbyterians, some from America and some from Scotland, one veteran American being a cousin of Dr. Buchanan. For many years padre Labhu Mal, one of the finest old Christians of the Punjab, came here to the Bhil country to help in classes for the teachers and preachers. For several years, too, our boys took their theological training in the Punjab. Missionaries have come from there to speak to us at our *melas* and to tell us about the methods which have been so successfully used there in bringing about a self-supporting and self-propagating Indian church. Through these many contacts with people in the Punjab we have heard of the Sialkot Convention, and this year Bessie MacMurchy and I decided to go to it.

The trip to Sialkot was long and hot. For me it began with a two-hour ride on horseback to the *pukka* road, where I met Miss MacMurchy, who had come in the car from Jobat. My bedding roll, suit-case, lunch and water bottle, carried by men from Sardi, were tucked away, and soon we were on the road to Dohad, enjoying the luxury of a car, so unaccustomed in these days of petrol shortage. In Dohad we had dinner with friends in the Irish Presbyterian mission, and went to bed, but not to sleep too restfully, for we must catch the train due at 4 a.m. When it came, an hour late, we managed to find a place in the lowest class, known as "inter," where we could sit. A notice on the wall said the compartment was to hold 33 persons, but there is no limit to the num-

ber of babies and children. There was a tired old lady missionary in the compartment, starting off on her holiday. She had bought a second-class ticket, but as there was no accommodation she was forced to spend the night in "inter," which was crowded with noisy, Indian women and crying babies. As the day wore on, Miss MacMurchy and I got a little more room to ourselves, and by night time we had managed to keep a space about ten feet long on a narrow ledge, above the seats; quite near the ceiling and the lights which blazed all night long. We lay down in our clothes, our feet in the region of each other's stomachs, with a sheet over us to keep off some of the dust. It wasn't too restful, but we were thankful to be able to lie down, and for the sleep we were able to get. On the morning of the second day we arrived at Lahore, where we had decided to spend the week-end with a friend. Thus we had more than a day's journey on the train for about $8.00. You might not think it was worth any more than that.

We finally reached Sialkot on Monday afternoon, and great was our delight to meet Miss Magee, who had already arrived from Jhansi. There were other friends, too, and perhaps our first surprise was the number of missionaries gathered there. Practically everyone stayed on the compound of the mission school where the meetings were held. The women stayed in one large hostel, the men in another. Some of the men and many of the Indian folk lived in tents scattered about the spacious grounds. It added greatly to the convention to have practically everyone in the same place, doing everything together.

Can you imagine 2,000 people sitting down at one time to listen to God's Word? That is what we saw in Sialkot, and for us who are accustomed to seeing much smaller groups here it was a real inspiration. Every morning at 6:30 a bugle broke the stillness with a hymn. For five minutes there was absolute stillness throughout the compound; then the bugle blew again,and people quietly dressed and had a period of private devotions until 7:30, when the bell rang for breakfast. The feeding of so many people might have been a problem, but actually it did not seem to be and we had very good meals. The convention has been held for so many years that the system has become almost perfect.

The morning hours were given largely to Bible study. This was always preceded by a short time of worship in the "big tent". There was no building sufficiently large to hold such a huge crowd of people, so this great round tent, open on all sides, was used. Every day, and many times a day, that place rang with the singing of the Psalms, and I don't believe we heard anything else but the Psalms and a few choruses, except in the English meetings. Years ago the Psalms were put to Punjabi tunes, and how well they are known and loved now by even the simplest of the Punjabi folk! After the devotional period the crowd divided into classes or study groups. Some groups used Punjabi, some Urdu, and some English. There were about 60 different groups and altogether 1,150 names were registered. We, of course, attended the English group. It was very large and in it were some of the leading men in the Church in India today. The study material was from the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters of St. Matthew, but in our group we didn't nearly cover it all. Mr. Russell Graham of the U.C.C. mission led the discussion, which was soon taken up by others, and what a feast we had as the deep thoughts of tried and experienced servants of God were brought forth! That hour went all too soon, and the bell rang for us to return to the big tent for an expository address in Urdu on the same subject we had been studying in the smaller groups.

In the afternoon there was a meeting in Punjabi, but as it was quite

beyond our comprehension, we did not attend it. Tea was served at 4 p.m. and after that an English meeting was held in the church. This was always very well attended and very good. The time seemed almost too short, for dinner came at 6:45 p.m. There was just one more meeting in the big tent, in Urdu, at 8 o'clock. This meeting always had the largest attendance, for many came after their day's work in the city. The tent was packed, and all around on the grass outside people were gathered. It was really inspiring. As we sat and watched the people gathering for the meeting, we were impressed by the diversity among them. There were well educated Indians, wearing the latest in European fashions and jewelry. There were simple village folk, with their blankets over their shoulders, and in their hands small bundles containing food and all their possessions. There were people from near at hand, and others from far away, from Korgil away over the northern Himalayas, and from the southernmost part of India.

And what of the results of this great convention? The Lord is the best judge of that, but I will try to tell you what we who were there for the first time thought. To see the huge crowds of Christians was inspiring, but, perhaps because all the Indians were strangers, or perhaps because of the difference in the language, or because of having no direct responsibilities, we did not seem to feel the same spiritual fellowship in the large meetings that we did in the groups, or that we do in meetings with our own people.

Night and day prayer was made, and prayer was answered. Many were born again, and many re-consecrated their lives to their Lord. The climax came the last night. At the close of the English meeting, Mr. Graham gave an opportunity for any who wished to praise, or testify, or pray or ask for prayer. God was very near as His servants bore witness to His faithfulness, confessed their own failures and mistakes and their need and desire for a deeper life in Him and a closer walk. As it was felt that the work of the Spirit was not yet finished when the time to close the meeting came, many missionaries and Indian workers, as well as simple village folk, remained in the big tent after the final evening meeting for a further time of waiting upon God. It was a blessed time for all, and a wonderful conclusion to a wonderful week. The following morning all started off for their homes again, and, though all the 2,000 who attended the convention did not receive equal blessing, those who remained that last night went forth, quickened by the Spirit, with a new desire and determination to live for their Lord. This must surely result in an ever deepening and ever widening stream of spiritual blessing to the Church of Christ in India.

From *The Glad Tidings*,
Toronto, Canada

The Sudan

By Mrs. R. F. SHIELDS, Editor, The Egyptian Sudan

FRIDAY AT GEREIF

By MISS MARY COIE,
Omdurman, The Egyptian Sudan

Two toots of Lady Ford's horn as she backed slowly out of the garage in Omudrman announced that another day of Bible women's work had begun. But today it was to be a different trip. It began as usual with the start at 6:40 A.M. to the Muselma at the far end of town to pick up one of the Bible women who lives in her home there, and bring her to prayers before the actual day's work in the homes is begun. As usual we passed the C.M.S. hospital with numbers of out patients coming for the

early clinic, then the stream of poorer natives each with a little basket or bag of durra (millet) coming back from the distribution of the day's ration, then on through the women's market where the women were beginning to set out their various kinds of food or wares for sale.

After we had picked up Sitt F—— the Bible woman from Muselma, we were back again to the house for prayers with the Bible women. Prayers over, the four Bible women who work in Omdurman were taken to work, one on the west side of town back of the C.M.S. hospital, the others to the Retired Army Officers section of town where they have their day's work.

THE START

By this time it was 7:45 A.M. and as I said before while this day began as usual it was different. Had it been usual Friday's work, I would have accompanied one of these four Bible Women on her round of work but this Friday I was to go with Sitt M——who is working among the women at Gereif. So at 7:45 off we dashed to Khartoum past the Mission to say goodbye to the Shields who were starting for the summer holiday, out past the railroad station, on out past the R.A.F. camp to the J. K. Giffen Community Center. When we arrived the Boys' and Girls' schools were already in session and teachers were awaiting us ready to go to the North village.

The day's work consisted of 16 pupils in two hours, six in the first and ten in the second. I shall only attempt to describe part of what happened in one house. We left the Mission house and skirted around the village north of the farm in order to find a place where the car could go without running over too many broken bottles, bits of wire, sharp broken bones and other trash which would ruin a tire.

SITT ELNISSA'S HOUSE

Finally a house was indicated inside the village so I stopped as near to it as the car could go. Then we took our bags, passed through a gap in the wall, climbed over another half wall, went around a house and found ourselves in an open space onto which several single roomed houses opened. Sitt M——— the teacher called out a greeting to the several

"Lady Ford," the indispensable helper in Khartoum, Khartoum North, in Omdurman and Gereif. In this picture Verna Pillow is the driver.

groups of heads peeping out of the doors, "How are you, girls? How are you, Fatma? Are we coming to your house today or to Sitt Elnissa's house? Where are the girls? I hope you are all here and ready as you were last week?" Sitt Elnissa's house was indicated as the place of the meeting. In an aside to me, Sitt M—— said, "I'm glad it is to be this house as the mother sits at the door with a curbag (short whip of hippo hide) in her hand and keeps order for me." Then to the girls, "Hurry up girls. Bring your books and we will see who is clever among you today." The mother of the house appeared. Said Sitt M——, "Welcome, welcome, ten welcomes, Ja Sitt, I hope you have brought your whip today. The mother smiled and quietly greeted us. She seemed an unsually quiet Sudani mother. Perhaps that was why she ruled the place quietly and firmly all the time we were there. Upon this, we entered a small courtyard about 8 by 12 feet which was neatly swept. In fact, the whole place was neat, and showed that preparation had been made for our coming.

The room into which we were taken was perhaps 8 by 12 feet. In the middle was the pillar supporting the roof beam. On the north side which is the side from which the wind comes there were three windows, one near the top perhaps a meter by half a meter in size. The other two were about two feet from the floor and were completely filled when a small boy put head and shoulders through which happened most of the two hours we were in the room. The only other opening in the room was the door through which we had entered. Two native beds under one of which was stacked the family china, a roll of matting and a small stool were the furnishings.

Immediately we entered Sitt M— took charge of the room and asked the girls to spread out the matting on the floor between the beds towards the back of the room that is, away from the door. Then she seated herself on the stool at one corner of the matting with F——, . the sewing woman and myself on her right and left, just back of her on one of the beds, and the ten girls who were having the lessons squatted native fashion on the matting in front of her. The mother of the house brought a stool on which she sat beside the door with her whip in her hand. All space available which was unoccupied by the matting on which the ten girls sat and the bed on which the sewing woman and myself were seated was immediately filled to capacity with onlookers. When I go out with the teachers I take along my Red Cross knitting because I can knit and observe without seeming to be listening. When I appear to be listening the girls are so often embarrassed that they cannot get on with their lesson. Several times I counted the people in the room and the least number was twenty-three and the most thirty-four without the three of us.

THE READING LESSON

I shall not attempt to describe all of the reading lesson for you but it went something like this:

Teacher—"Where is your lesson?"

Pupil—(with book upside down and leafing through back of the book).

Teacher—"W h a t! Don't y o u know where your lesson is? Are you going to embarrass me like that?"

At long last pupil realizes she has the book backwards, finds the front, the lesson, and begins. Alif——bit —— tit——(the alphabet).

Teacher (turning towards the door) "Please you girls, who are in the door, you are welcome if you will sit down, but we want the light." I look at the door and count ten persons of assorted sizes. And if you think ten people standing in tiers cannot fill a door, try it some time. At this point the woman with the

whip takes a hand. She whirls the whip in the faces of those nearest the door and they are forced back. We have light and a little air for a minute and a half when six of these same return bringing four more with them.

This was repeated on an average of twice for every pupil and more for one or two slower ones. As each finished her reading lesson, she got up and walked over to where the rest were seated on the floor and squeezed herself into the space in front of the sewing teacher. The reading lesson occupied perhaps an hour and after that came the Bible lesson.

INTERPRETERS AND INTERRUPTERS

The usual mode of procedure is getting the pupils to recall all that they can of last week's lesson, a drill of the memory verse, the teacher then taking up the threads of the story to connect it with the new story. Sitt M—— had told them the story of the creation and the new lesson was the fall and sin entering in. I shall only attempt to mention some of the counter-distractions which I observed during the course of this lesson.

Two girls at my feet had a hand to hand battle over the possession of the drinking cup. A child howled and was forcibly ejected.

The sewing teacher called across the heads of the pupils and teachers to a pupil in the back row telling her to send her sewing across.

Another child howled. The teacher noticed that he was the son of one of the pupils, so we had time out while he was handed over the heads of the crowd to his mother to be nursed.

For the "umpteenth" time Sitt M—— told the people at the door that they were welcome if they would sit down and keep still.

A tray of tea was brought in and the glasses filled and served.

One of the larger girls at the door tried to eject her small brother. When he refused to be ejected, she undertook to discipline him. The woman with the whip drove them from the door but the boy's howls of protest were still with us.

In one of the rare lulls in the noise, the woman at the door said, "The Sitt is knitting a sweater and the cold weather is already gone."

The child who was nursing was not pleased with his dinner and we took time out from the story while a young aunt was persuaded to entertain him which she did by poking his head out and in one of the small windows and letting him quarrel with some children on the outside.

Gebna coffee was served. In lieu of a spoon the girl who served used her finger to put the sugar into the cup.

At last the lesson was finished and believe it or not, in spite of the distractions Sitt M—— had the attention of the pupils when she told the story. This was just half of the teacher's day, The other house did not have so many pupils nor so many onlookers but there she did not have the good attention from the pupils. While she was getting her hand on one another would slip through her fingers.

We had begun about 8:15 and finished about 11:15 and I who had only observed felt limp at the end of the morning. And if so, how much more do you think the teacher who had done the work? Sitt M—— is doing splndid work in a very difficult field. She will greatly appreciate your prayers.

11:15 A. M. a quick dash over the twelve miles to Omdurman to pick up the Bible women there who are already awaiting me and the day is done.

President's Page

"LET US GIVE THANKS"

In these days of stress and tumult in the world we have come to realize the value of much which we have accepted with little thought or appreciation. We prize our precious Christian heritage—The Faith of Our Fathers—and "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" in greater measure than ever before. We know that difficult days are ahead, but we are strong in the Faith that evil cannot permanently conquer and out of this terrible conflict shall come a better world and a Righteous Peace.

Let us enumerate a few of the things that we as Christian women have reason to be thankful for. Certainly our gratitude was called forth by the fact that our work in India has been maintained in spite of the Japanese threat of invasion. Our missionaries heroically manned their posts in spite of personal peril. Also, when Rommel's army was within sixty-five miles of Alexandria, the invading forces were turned back and no harm was done to our work there—for this we are grateful. And then we are so thankful our work has been continued in Ethiopia and plans are being made to carry on that work in a larger way. Then too, we should be humbly grateful to God for the safe conduct of our missionaries ever since our work was established in Egypt in 1854. During these ninety years not one missionary has been lost in travelling. The soldiers in our armies have repeatedly expressed appreciation for the care that has been given them by native Christians—the product of missionary enterprise in all parts of the world. We are thankful for the interest which the secular press has mainfested in giving space to recount these many incidents revealing new appreciation of the accomplishments of Christian missions.

Surely these and other mercies beyond measure or enumeration challenge the women of the United Presbyterian Church to face the days which lie ahead with strong and resolute faith. May we earnestly pray that the 1944 Convention be a mountain peak of vision and dedication!

John Oxenham expresses the universal yearning in these lines:

"Peace in our time, O Lord
To all the peoples—Peace!
Peace that shall build a glad new world,
And make for Life's increase.
O Living Christ, who still
Dost all our burdens share
Come now and dwell within the hearts
Of all men everywhere."

Mrs. H. H. McConnell,
First Vice-President of the Women's
General Missionary Society.

Editorial

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". . . . AND THE LAD BE NOT WITH ME"

Read those words again! They are the heartbroken cry of a man pleading for a brother. It is Judah standing before Joseph who is arrayed in royal apparel. Judah in coarse shepherd's garb is the suppliant. He goes over the history of the family, the twelve brethren, "the one who is not", the threatened famine, the decision of the ten men to get food for their families. Then he repeats the order of Joseph demanding that they bring the youngest brother with them and how he has gone surety for the brother.

Judah felt a deep sense of responsibility. Had he not promised his father that he would surely care for the lad, he would surely bring him back in safety. As he stood trembling before the supposedly great ruler of Egypt, his mind was running back. He could see the old patriarch coming out day after day looking down the winding road that ran over the hills, watching and waiting for the promised return of the beloved lad. Judah could just see the agony on the face of the old man and he broke forth in these impassioned words, "How shall I go up to my father and the lad be not with me"? (Gen. 44:34)

Into the keeping of Christian parents God has placed sons and daughters. These parents, either out of a deep sense of responsibility or because it is expected of church members, stood before the altar and had their babies baptized. They promised in the presence of the minister, in the presence of the whole congregation. in the presence of God to teach and train these little ones for God's service. They promised to pray with and for these children. Then as the days and weeks and months grew into years and the children began to grow up, life became very strenuous. There was no time allowed for daily worship. The Sabbath was so nice for visiting and the roads so fine for driving that they had no time for family instruction on the Sabbath. Indeed the habit of church going was broken. Little by little the young people drifted away; perhaps they became simply indifferent, or may be they became alienated from the church or may be actually scornful. Often, too often they fell into evil ways.

It is a great responsibility to go surety for one's children but that is exactly what all parents do who present their children for baptism. Lest they be overcome with the weight of the responsibility let them remember a promise made to a father long ago: "Thou shalt be saved and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

Christianity is a family religion: God planned it so. It is never too late to "lay the child down beside God", even though he may be a man grown. People of the world have no spiritual resources but Christians who have "gone surety for the lad" have all the resources of divine help in the training of their families.

May Christian parents with young children in their keeping realize anew the vows that are upon them to bring these children to Christ and may they so understand the Father's love that they will cry out with Judah, "How shall I go up to my father and the lad be not with me!"

A VALUED LETTER

HISTORICAL FOUNDATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED CHURCHES

Montreat, N. C.
February 1, 1944.

Mrs. John P. White, Editor,
The Womens Missionary Magazine,
7237 Penn Avenue,
Pittsburgh 8, Pa.

Dear Mrs. White:

Just now we are accessioning and filing *The Womens Missionary Magazine* for 1943, and take this occasion to express our gratitude for your kindness in sending this periodical to the Historical Foundation during the past year. We are happy to be able to add this valued volume to our collection.

With every good wish for the year upon which we have entered, and again thanking you, I am

Sincerely,
T. H. Spence, Jr.,
Curator.

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This is March, not too early to begin to think about plans for travel to the General Convention. While it is almost impossible to give any definite figures so early, this notice will serve to call attention to the April number of the Magazine in which it is hoped to place information then available. It is scarcely necesary to say that trains and buses are not holding out any inducements in order to secure patronage! And as for comfort in travel, no promises are being made. However, the business of the Church must go on. Without its salutary influence, what might this world become!

Transportation Secretary.

THE WEDDING OF MISS ELLEN SMITH

A beautiful wedding took place in the English church in Khartoum, when Miss Ellen Smith became the bride of Alan Theobald, the Assistant Director of Education in the Egyptian Sudan.

There was but one thing to mar the occasion and that was the absence of the parents and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and Dr. Mary Smith who were detained in America. The friends in the community made up as far as possible for these missing dear ones.

The following is part of a letter written by Miss Aulora McIntyre which we are taking the liberty of printing:

"All the missionaries joined heartily in the preparations for the wedding and each did some special part. I am sure Ellen must have felt happy to find all of her colleagues so ready to make her wedding the loviest possible.

"The preparations for the reception were made the day before. Marguerite McClellan and Frances Turk were the managers and much of the charm of the occasion was due to their skilful planning. Friends from the city sent flowers; the bath tub overflowed and several buckets full stood ready. It was not hard to make the big living room of the Girls' Boarding School look lovely. All afternoon some worked at sandwiches, which were cut in many beautiful designs. The cake made by Mrs. Shields was most beautiful and was just as good as it looked.

"The next morning we went out to the kitchen to eat breakfast, slipping around in our bedroom slippers lest we mar the nice clean floor.

"We arrived at the cathedral in plenty of time. The church was well filled with guests. Sergeant ———— sang a beautiful Prayer at the close of which the organ began the strains of the Wedding March. First came Marguerite McClellan in a lavendar dress; then Mary Ewing in pink, then came the bride garbed in a plain white dress and veil, on the arm of Mr. Finley. We were all very proud of Ellen who walked with such composure and dignity up the aisle and took her place beside the waiting groom. Dr. Shields, stepped to the front and began to read the ceremony; after prayer he read the passage in Ephesian about the Church the Bride of Christ. It was all perfect and very impressive. I am sure no one there could fail to feel something of the sacredness of marriage. One of the girls told Una Coie that she had a new idea of marriage after hearing that service.

"After the ring was placed on the finger of the bride and the two were pronounced man and wife they moved down the aisle out to a waiting car and over to the reception.

"About 100 guests gathered at the Girls' Boarding School. The High School girls and the teachers of the Boarding School had been invited. The girls looked very nice in their uniforms and each did the part assigned to her.

"The groom responding to a speech said as Mr. Churchill had recommended that 'our two nations walk hand in hand these days,' he and Ellen were trying to comply.

"The High School girls were most enthusiastic about the catching of the bouquet.

"We said goodbye to the happy young couple as they started on their wedding journey. We were sad to think that Ellen would be leaving us but glad that she and her husband will be living in Khartoum and that she will continue to help us in the school for a time."

Thank Offering Department

MRS. O. H. MILLIGAN, Thank Offering Secretary, 905 Publication Bldg., Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

This year's Annual Report contains the names of fifty-two presbyterials, fifty-two names of Thank Offering Secretaries and the date the report was received by the General Thank Offering Secretary.

For many years this list contained fifty-three presbyterials with names of secretaries from each.

During 1943 the Presbytery of Concordia was dissolved and the congregations were transferred to two presbyterials—three to Kansas City Presbytery and two to Arkansas Valley Presbytery. The Presbyterial Thank Offering Secretary of Concordia was Miss Ethel Gilliford, Garrison, Kansas.

We express our appreciation of her faithful leadership and will follow the work of the societies of Concordia in their new relationship.

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651. Mrs. Francis Fry, New Galilee, Pa. By her daughter, Virginia.
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"FOLLOW THE LEADER"

This is a favorite game for active, resourceful children. You have watched the game progress from stage to stage, and you realize that its success depends much on the quick thinking of the leader and her rapid action. All eyes are on her. Where she leads, everyone must try to follow. What fun it is!

A particular case comes to mind where it was clear that the fun *was* dependent very much on the quality of leadsrship. It was a small community with a fairly large group of children that enjoyed playing together. One comment was common, —"It isn't any fun if ——" (we shall call her Jane)—"is not the leader!" This when they were playing "follow the leader." A fine tribute to her ability, for children speak the unvarnished truth! Leadership must be worthy of a following.

We have thought of success in more serious pursuits of life as very dependent on the type of leadership. Surely much able leadership is available. May it be that not all the "players" join heartily in the "game"? Some stand off and assert lack of interest or ambition; or, they prefer to do something else, so do not cooperate; or, they want to do things in their own way.

We are being taught in a very stern school these days. We are being advised to follow the leadership. We must first be assured that the leadership is worthy before a hearty following may occur. However, very little choice is ours. We are expected to follow, and we do so according to our light on the situation and our ability to comply.

But we are much concerned for spiritual leadership and its following. Our first interest is to know the Leader,—for there is only one, —none so lovely as He!

May not much of our failure in Christian work be due to this one fact,—we have by-passed the Leader? If the minister is not entirely pleasing to some, they deliberately fail to support the ordinances. They are like spoiled children, if they cannot have what they want, they "sit in the corner and mope." Christ is *the* leader of Christianity. This should give us courage and assurance, even when we are perplexed and unable to see the goal clearly. Who are we to set ourselves in opposition to His leadership!

Is the missionary society weak at times because the work is not recognized for what it is? Why does enthusiasm for its success wax and wane as the tides of the sea? Loyal members are distressed by the lack

of interest displayed by perfectly good members of the church. There may be secondary reasons for its "burning brightly" or its "flickering and dying down," but does it not seem that the main reason is the lack of appreciation of the real Leader of this great cause? It has not dawned on a good many people that missionary activity is of the Lord. It is too often considered as "just another meeting" to belong to or not according to taste! Rather should our girls and young women welcome the opportunity to serve under the divine Leader. Would that every one would follow Him!

The new year opens April 1. Some new leadership will be inducted into office and some re-elections will occur. If the year is entered "as unto the Lord," and He is accepted as *the* Leader, 1944 should speak of great and good things accomplished, the kingdom brought a little closer.

May the human leadership of the missionary society recognize more than ever before that the success of the year depends on its acceptance of and following the incomparable Leader to happy kingdom results. "Follow the Leader!"

YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL COLUMN

About mid-December, Pasrur G.B.S. received its new principal. A few lines from Miss Hewitt, who has carried on so valiantly since Miss Whitely's death, follow. This is under date of December 14, 1943:

"Ruth Nichol has now taken up the work in Pasrur G.B.S, and today I am on the train going back to the Cambellpur task. It has been a happy interim for eleven months, and a good experience to be again among *many* Christians after having been with *so few* in Cambellpur.

"The school will have financial troubles this year with all the rest. Foodstuffs are so high. We have added fees, but this will be only a drop in the bucket. There will have to be more scholarships for worthy girls. We wonder how self-support pastors can keep their girls in school with the new fees.

"This fall our orange crop reached only a few over 4,000, the long drouth being responsible for a short crop. There is a good field of sugar-cane for the girls, a most valuable item in days of rationing.

"The blind class has prepared four boys this year for advance work in the school in Lahore. We hope for more children to enter it. Pray for the teacher, Hassaina, and her pupils. (Incidentally, if we are correct, this teacher is also blind. If not, Miss Nichol will tell us in her introductory letter or later.) Miss Hewitt added,—"Remember Miss Nichol in taking over new work."

"With loving greetings to you,"

Eva Hewitt.

Our readers will agree that Miss Hewitt has been very faithful in giving us information regarding Pasrus G.B.S. We thank her for her evident interest and earnest endeavor. We also welcome Miss Nichol most heartily as the new leader at the school and shall look forward to her communications from time to time.

THE CHOICE OF YOUTH

The Foreign Missions Conference held in Chicago January 3 to 7, 1944, counted among its five hundred and more delegates and guests a number of young students just recently in attendance on the Student Conference held in Wooster, Ohio. "Today's Preparation of Tomorrow's Missionaries" was the general theme considered.

Dr. Herrick Young introduced the leader of the panel which was composed of college and theological students and one or two nationals of the younger churches. The thought under discussion was based on Christian reconstruction overseas and in America, the desire of the young people being to emphasize the unity of missions rather than the *division.*

The leader of the panel, a very young man, was still surrounded by the wonder of the days at Wooster so recently experienced, and was further stimulated by this rare opportunity of appearing before such an august body as the world-represented Foreign Missions Conference. He warned his audience that the opinions expressed by youth might be revolutionary and thus shock their older listeners! Even so, it seemed best to state facts! Such a challenge naturally caused one to pay heed in order to discover the presumed "discrepancies" or the "new order" unearthed by youth! We are happy to state that the expressed thoughts of the several speakers were quite acceptable and not so revolutionary as the leader predicted. The fact that he had been faced with so many ideas *new to him, and at one time,* made him think that they had just been evolved. How very youth-like! You can appreciate this for adults have all passed this way earlier or later.

We cannot but admire the enthusiasm of youth, the earnestness, the willingness to go forward in conquest, and adventure when opportunity offers.

We do not purpose to give a full report of the talks presented, but to share the experience of "listening-in."

Great and varied topics were discussed. One stressed Christianity, its value to life and its purpose; It to be given to others who do not have it. *Sharing* was the term used, one upon which the present day dwells. The person to carry the message was made subservient to the message carried and the thought fortified by this quotation,—"It doesn't take *great* men to do great things, but it takes *consecrated* men."

Since the world has become a neighborhood, it has been discovered that there are many grades of living, even in America; nor is the opportunity for earning a sure livelihood equal to all. The minority groups, such as represented by the interned Japanese (though German and Italian aliens were left free) were held up for Christian sympathy, and the general internment was severely criticized. The segregation of the Negro received due notice; also, the Mexican laborer, although he seems to choose to live apart. But the treatment accorded these minorities by Americans of Christian heritage was sternly dealt with. Other groups,—the share-croppers and migrants,—impressed these young people that there is need for Christian love by the established church.

A new set came in for attention, —those in defense work, people torn up by their roots and set down indiscriminately, apparently, in one or other of the 48 States, far from home and the accustomed habits of life perhaps, religious privileges included. These young people felt a real sympathy for such and felt a sense of responsibility for helping to create surroundings of a more uplifting type.

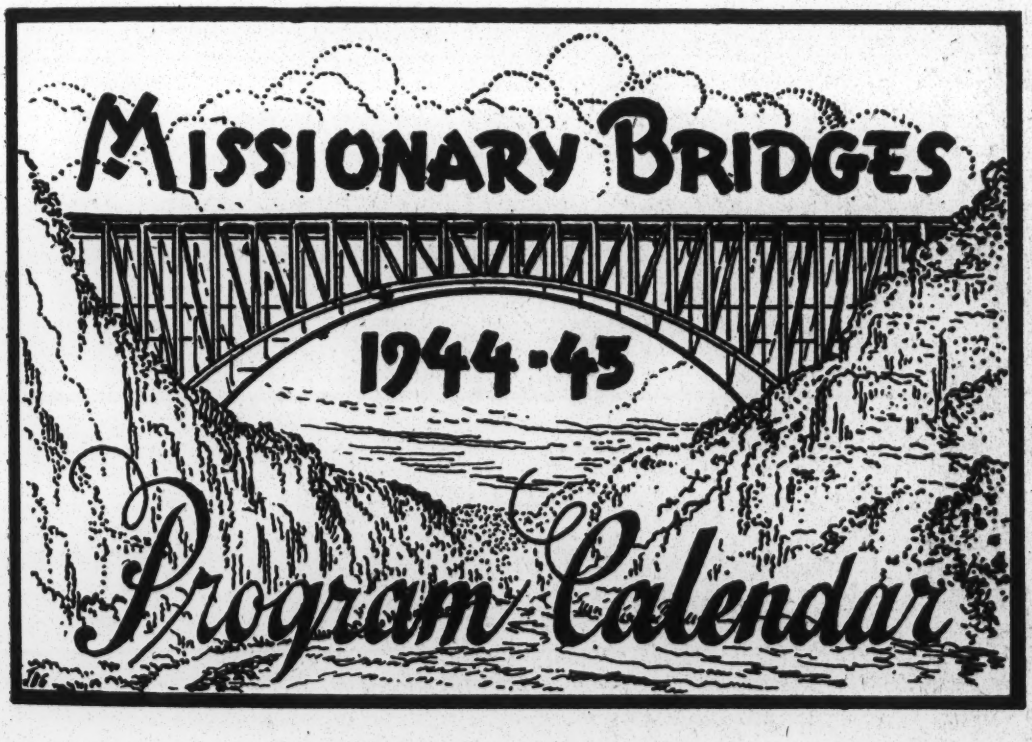
World Missions was also considered. "One God and one world" was the stated slogan with the statement, "We belong to each other." Some qualifications for a worker on foreign soil among a strange people were stated: He must know something about his adopted country be-

fore leaving his home land. He must know the truth of the Gospel and be persuaded of it before he goes to preach freedom in Christ to others.

One of the speakers, a native of India—incidentally, he was brought up in our Mission in India,—gave some idea of what should be expected of the young missionary as far as India is concerned. He must be humble, willing to subordinate self to the national church. His faith in Christ must not waver. The previously accepted superiority of the white race over those of deeper tone must be eliminated entirely, even to the ordinary ways of life if he would prove most useful. He plead that the Gospel should be applied to all of life,—Physical, mental, moral and spiritual.

The panel concluded with the plea for the personal committment to Christ and fellowship with Him; that as servants of the King there be a sense of seriousness, yet of real joy. Besides, the sense of oneness in Christ is imperative. Race and color lines must disappear.

While Christian young men and women are tender towards the Great Commission and their part in fulfilling it, the Church may take courage and go forward, for the mission fields of the world will be manned.



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By MRS. JAMES R. LEE, Bellrose, L. I., N. Y.

"MISSIONARY BRIDGES"
The Foundation—The Christian Home

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

The Christian Home furnishes the *Blueprints for Life.*

It is in the Home, the Christian Home, that the pattern of life is given. The Blueprints are drawn up with Love, Kindness, Truthfulness, Faithfulness and Joy.

Invitation

Use blueprint paper cut in small squares. Write on it with white ink.

"The Blueprint for Life,"

Time Place etc.

PROGRAM

Draw several patterns of a house on blueprint paper, cutting them up to use as jigsaw puzzles,—first the bottom of the house for use as a foundation. The foundation of our home, "Love," for all beautiful and worthy things grow up from Love. Then the door, "The Door of Friendliness," expressing Kindness to others, printing the word "Kindness" on the door. Adding then to our home the floor of "Truthfulness" which may also be used for the walls. We must learn truth and honesty in our walk. They will also be our best shield against all kinds of weather. Working again on our jigsaw puzzle we place our roof on the structure, the roof of "Faithfulness." Last we add our windows of "Joy," receiving good light and in turn pouring out light to others as freely and joyfully as we have received it. Each person or a group of three or four may work on one puzzle.

Our home as a shelter is built with Love, Kindness, Faithfulness, and Truthfulness. From it the light of our Joy goes out to the world, sharing our Great Friend, Christ, with all who are still seeking the Love, Kindness, Truthfulness, Faithfulness and Joy that our Christian Home means to us.

"God's mercy spread the sheltering roof
Let faith make firm the floor.
May friend and stranger, all who come,
Find love within the door.
May peace enfold each sleeping-place,
And health surround the board;
From all the lamps that light the halls
Be radiant joy outpoured.
Let kindness keep the hearth aglow,
And through the windows shine;
Be Christlike living, on the walls,
The pattern and design."

—*Paine.*

From "Poems for Life" compiled by T. C. Clark.

The suggestions may open up a wide variety of uses. The Puzzles should be ready before the meeting, to be handed out in envelopes as the meeting begins.

QUILT PATCHES FOR SHULAS

Miss Grove wishes to say again that she will be glad to have societies send quilt patches to her. She may not be able to take all of them with her when she sails but she can have them sent at a later date. Miss Grove asks that prayers accompany the patches.

Here are the directions for cutting:

QUILT PATCHES CUT THE SIZE OF A POST CARD FROM ANY MATERIAL WHICH CAN BE USED IN QUILT MAKING. Send to Miss Elsie E. Grove, Caroline Avenue, R. D. No. 3, Pougskeepsie, New York.

Home Missions Department

MRS. WM. COOK, Secretary, 1201 Sixth Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.

FRENCHBURG NOTES

Our hearts have been made glad tonight by the receiving of a telegram from Dr. Robert Smith of the First Church at Monmouth, Illinois that he will come to us for a week of special evangelistic services on Feb. 14, remaining through the 18. We have felt very keenly the need of a special week of services, and we covet your prayers in this time that we may be revived in the things of the Spirit, and that we may be led to bring many into the saving knowledge of Christ.

We are not forgetful of the fact that while this is a school for the advancement of learning, it is also a school for the advancement in Spirit, and so we rejoice that we are to have the leadership of one so well prepared to bring the message to the young and old alike.

We have come to realize that one great advantage in having children enrolled in our dormitory is that we have the opportunity to teach them the principles of Christian living in actual contact with our faculty. We have compulsory church attenance, attendance at the Sabbath School service, the Y.P.C.U. meetings and the Intermediates, and students are brought under the influence of the keeping of family worship, as well as the asking of God's blessing upon the food they eat. Then there is the quiet hour that is regularly observed, and the prayer meeting on Sabbath nights led by the matron of the dormitory.

The picture which is in this issue of the Goosetown Sabbath School

SABBATH SCHOOL AT GOOSETOWN, KENTUCKY.

This picture was taken while the Reverend Mr. Buchanan was the pastor at Frenchburg and Ezel. Mr. Buchanan is shown in the back row.

taken last summer before Rev. Mr. Buchanan left for Ethiopia. This is one of two Sabbath Schools that our faculty and students attend each Sabbath afternoon. Two cars leave the campus at two o'clock for their respective schools. Miss Ruth Courter, school principal, takes her car of helpers along with the portable organ on one Sabbath Day, and on alternate days Miss Grace Huntley, manager of the clothes room, takes her group and the organ. The meetings are in rude school houses, but the spirit is fine and we feel much good has come of this effort to bring the message to those who have no other means of hearing. The Rev. Ralph E. Ayers, our present pastor, takes turns in attending the services and brings a message at this time. This is a busy day for him as he preaches four times each Sabbath Day. Our dormitory girls have proved themselves to be very good teachers, and have a way of winning those whom we serve in a different approach from that which we have. We are pleased with their growth in Christian work.

The following poem was written by Mrs. Taylor Wigginton, a faithful member of our McAusey Sabbath School, where Miss Courter serves. We do not have a picture of this school as films are so very hard to get. It shows her appreciation of your help in sending Sabbath School papers, picture cards, and in contributions from time to time.

"On a hill in old Kentucky
Our Sabbath School is found
Where Heaven's scenic beauty
Is scattered all around.

"Oh may our lives for Jesus
Be just as brave and true
As the rosy glow of sunset
Against the sky of blue.

"We want to thank each teacher
For the service she has done;
And we hope to meet in Heaven
Each and every one.

"We want to learn the Bible
And live the Golden Rule;
So we can show our Savior,
What we learned in Sabbath School."

Harry L. Lowden

AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS, CAIRO, EGYPT

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and elders and others in the small income groups who have graduated from one of our Mission High Schools and want to become teachers must have higher education. These are our potential church leaders.

While doors have closed in some countries the doors are still wide open in Egypt. God is thrusting these hundreds of girls into our hands. One of the members of the Faculty has written: "In these days of transition and unparalleled opportunity we ask the prayers of the women of the church for these young women who are seeking new ways, that they may find the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Negro Missions

MRS. H. RAY SHEAR, 206 Inglewood Dr., Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

CHRISTIANITA TOTTEN

Many readers of the magazine will remember the name of Christianita Totten, as one of our workers in earlier years. The following letter from her brother was received recently. With her relatives and friends we rejoice as we recall her long and useful life, devoted to the upbuilding of the cause of Christ among the colored people.

Dear Mrs. Shear:

This letter brings to you the sad news of the death of my sister Christianita Totten which took place on Wednesday, 12th instant at 2:20 p.m. at my home, 408 W. 130th St., New York City.

You are doubtless aware that I went to Henderson, North Caroline about four years ago and brought my sister to New York with the hope that her impaired health would improve. Unfortunately she lingered for these years and showed a rapid decline in the New Year which resulted in her death on the 12th instant.

In that she loved the Southland where she had spent most of her years my wife and myself took the body to Henderson, N.C. where it was interred. Funeral services were held both in New York and in Henderson.

I am informed that my sister served a Missionary Organization for a number of years and from whom she received some financial aid in her later years. I would appreciate it immensely if you would so inform this organization of our appreciation for such benefits as they have been sending to her and that they should know of her death in order that no more checks will be sent.

My sister was born at Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, U.S.A. on April 8, 1866. She was named Christianita after the Danish King Christian the IX on whose date of birth she was born. Her earlier education was in the Danish West Indies and while still in her teens she began teaching in the Public Schools and in 1889 came to the United States where she studied at Knoxville College, Tennessee from whence she was graduated four years later.

In that the former Danish West Indies was transferred to the United States in 1917 my sister became a citizen and always expressed her desire to remain and teach in the Southland she loved so well. She was the oldest of ten children and her passing leaves the writer the only surviving relative of the family.

I am happy to be able to write you and to thank you for the fine spirit of cooperation extended to my sister during the years of her illness.

Sincerely yours,

Ashley L. Totten

MILLER'S FERRY

Dear Friend:

The several packages designated for our station have arrived and we want to thank you very heartily for sending them. We are particularly glad to have new friends take an interest in us and we appreciate very much these gifts from your society.

Used clothing, hats, etc., are always in demand. This clothing fills many needs. Mothers are able to send their children to school and to Sabbath School more comfortably clad and to have something for themselves to wear to church. It would be interesting for you to see some of

the women display the dresses, hats, and coats that they have obtained through the kindness and generosity of our Northern friends.

While our winters are not as long nor as hard as they are in the North, yet we have some very cold days. The temperature runs below freezing. Today we are having a cold rain and the temperature is dropping. This clothing helps much on such days.

Next week we shall have our Christmas tree and Santa Claus and we shall use some of the clothing as gifts. The children are all looking forwardly eagerly to Santa's visit. At the same time that we have the tree we shall have Christmas carols sung by the school. Short accounts of the origin of many of these carols will be given.

Each Friday morning, the Junior Missionary Society holds its weekly meeting. The Juniors at great sacrifice contributed $31.00 in the Thank Offering this year. They were much interested in Miss Kate Hill's stories of India.

The anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace draws near and all of us join in wishing for you and for your society a blessed holiday season. It is the prayer of the Christian world that at the next Christmas all men will have accepted this Prince of Peace to such an extent that the sword will no longer be drawn. That will mean that our loved ones will be returned to the home circle.

Again we wish for you and for your society much success and prosperity for the coming year and to say again a great big *Thank You.*

Sincerely yours,

N. D. Williams

CAMDEN

Dear Mrs. Shear:

I was so happy to receive it that I could not resist writing to tell you that Mrs. C. T. Siviter, representing the Young Women's Missionary Society of the Third United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, sent us a check for $78.75. She stated in her letter that she hoped we could find some use for such a small sum. I wrote her immediately, thanking her for it and assuring her that with our two big projects (Library and Laboratory) we could surely find much use for it.

We have correspondence from Youngstown, Ohio, and from New Galilee, Pa., stating that our friends there plan to help us on the dormitory linen, bedding, etc.

We had our first meeting with the Science Committee from the State Department. They seem to think that it will not be so hard for us to get enough equipment for accreditment. We are working on an outline now, to be submitted to them by next Tuesday or Wednesday. I will let you know as we find out the things we need and how to go about obtaining them.

Our first semester closes this week. Examinations are scheduled to begin Monday (postponed because of Evangelistic Services this week), but due to the fact that about sixty per cent of the students are out because of "flu" and measles, I am afraid we will have to postpone them further. That is something over which we have no control so we will just have to make the best of it.

I will keep you informed about our science project.

Respectfully,

A. C. Peoples

Indian Missions

MRS. ARTHUR B. McBRIDE, 847 Thorne St., Sewickley, Pa.

MARCH 1944 INDIAN CROW OR WARM MONTH 1944 GREAT SUNS

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT WARM SPRINGS, OREGON

The Sabbath evening before Christmas found our church very beautifully decorated with a very nice tree and lights strung across the auditorium and candles burning in the windows. The attendance at this glad occasion of the celebration of the birth of our Saviour was not as large as we had hoped, for many people were sick with the "Flu" or had sick ones at home to take care of. However, we were grateful that so many were able and interested enough to come out. We were happy to see a number of new faces this year. The new Saw Mill that has been built about one and a half miles from here has attracted quite a number of new families in our vicinity, and some of these were in our mission for the first time at this service.

The program was extra good this year. Many of the well known Christmas carols were sung by all the people. The Bible Christmas story was read. This year we were able to get some of the older people to take part for the first time. One lady favored us with a Christmas solo, another played a piano solo, and Miss Lapooh, the nurse aide at the government hospital, sang "Silent Night" in her native Hopi Indian language. Many of the younger boys and girls had recitations and the older group gave a Christmas candle light exercise entitled, "The Names of Jesus," which was very impressive.

A White Gift Offering of $20.30 was received.

We had endeavored, as always, to glorify the Lord and many people expressed how much the service had meant to them.

Rev. E. W. Machamer

IN HIS NAME

The Warm Springs missionaries desire to thank the many friends and societies who remembered the Indians here with boxes of clothing, gifts and money, which made Christmas Day a merry one for them.

The attendance was good in spite of the flu epidemic. About 275 Indians, old and young, attended. Most attractive were the many little boys, looking with starry, hopeful eyes at the Chirstmas tree. The tree was cut down in the mountains by Rev. Mr. Machamer. (Missionaries here need to be able to swing an ax.)

It was nice to see the group of about twenty Indian children acting as a choir and leading their elders in the singing of the loved Christmas carols.

It was interesting (and amusing) to hear the many "recitations" by the school pupils. The bigger boys are expert horse-back riders and absolutely fearless, but ah, when they get up on the platform, that is another matter. But before them sit rows of solemn-faced friends, admiring them for their courage and inwardly cheering them on. I decided it showed real sportmanship to be willing to "speak a piece" when the strain involved was so great.

Eleven young folks took part in a candle-light service in honor of some of the wonderful names of Jesus, the Name above every name.

Rev. Machamer gave a short but inspiring message on "If Jesus Had Not Come."

Old Elder Elijah Miller made a short speech in Wasco, but he is very frail now and we wonder if he will be here or in heaven next Christmas.

One marvels at the good order shown by an Indian audience. Such dignity and quiet and good attention.

We hope, *how* we hope and pray, that soon the Name of Jesus may become to these dear Indian friends the One and Only Name.

Continue to pray with us that the Holy Spirit may remove the veil from their eyes and that soon they may accept Him as their Saviour.

Helen J. Noordewier

WE REMEMBERED OUR SOLDIERS

Christmas morning was bright and beautiful. No snow, but also no rain or mud to mar the going and the coming of the people.

Fire was started early in the big *Church House* and all last minute preparations made for the big events of the day.

Our good friends Mrs. Herbert Stwyer and Louise Stwyer had helped greatly in making the interior look Christmasy and beautiful. They had woven wreaths of fir cones and red streamers attached and had hung festoons of pine across the room. They had also relieved us of decorating the tree.

Because of the generosity of the Mission groups we were able to pack boxes for seventy-five families. This meant individual gifts to 301 people in these families and there were 26 gifts given to single ones.

Small beaded buck-skin picture frames had been sent to our overseas lads with snap-shots in them of familiar scenes in the Reservation, including a picture of the Mission here. These we know would appeal to them; Wilson Spencer has already written of his pleasure at getting his.

The boys in camp were remembered with cards with personal greetings and a few with gifts. One boy had asked for a "frosty cake" and this request was filled, too. Then there were three in a tuberculosis camp that were remembered.

All this and the weekly prayer for the soldier boys has produced a solemnizing and appreciative effect upon the Indians and the two hundred and fifty people in the church entered heartily in the reading of messages from the soldiers (messages which had been asked for). These letters were translated as read and elicited frequent "AH'S" of appreciation. When the time of the White Gift Offering came, as they all lined up for their candy bags at the close of the service $27.00 was given.

We are grateful to Rev. Mr. Machamer and Miss Helen Noordewier of the Warm Spring Mission for training some of our children for us. These had been at the Agency School until the brief Christmas recess and were able to gratify the people by reciting the little verses they were taught in the church.

We want to express our thanks to the many friends from the Missionary groups for gifts sent in, both the things and the money were appreciated and made our "Christmas" a successful one.

Rev. E. H. Carson

Foreign Missions

Mrs. J. D. SANDS, Secretary, 5542 Hampton St., East Liberty Station, Pittsburgh, Pa.

MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Miss Hazel Bennett	April	4
Mrs. William Fennell (nee Mabel McMichael)	April	6
Miss Eva M. Hewitt	April	7
Miss Evelyn Cathcart	April	11
Miss Laura Reynolds	April	15
Miss Stella Robertson	April	18
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N.	April	18
Miss Elizabeth Wilson	April	21
Miss Mary Logan	April	29
Miss Helen V. Weede	April	29

EGYPT

The Seventy-fourth Annual Meeting of the American Mission in Egypt was held December 31, 1943—January 5, 1944. The opening devotional service was led by Mr. Dalton Galloway, after which the meeting was called to order by the retiring president, Dr. W. J. Skellie, offering prayer. Miss Sarah Meloy was elected president, Dr. C. P. Russell secretary and Rev. Harold McGeoch treasurer. Reports of the past year's work in all departments were given and plans for the coming year were made.

Dr. Neal McClenahan expressed the pleasure the Association had in welcoming to the meeting Colonel Wallace McClenahan, stationed in Egypt. "Wally" responded, bringing greetings from his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. R. S. McClenahan, for many years members of the Association.

The first report made was that of the Educational Committee, which expressed its gratitude to God for the educational work of the Mission. The schools in every station are unusually full and a creditable standard of work has been maintained. Grave difficulties are faced as they look ahead but experience leads to the belief that a solution will be found for every problem, as similar hindrances have been overcome in the past. The greatest problem at present lies in the scarcity of educational missionaries and overloading those who have remained on the field. The return of the missionaries and the appointment of new recruits were earnestly prayed for.

The work of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools went on as usual during the past summer but the number of teachers and pupils was less than last year. This was due to the fact that the Khyatt School and the Coptic Girls' School of Assiut could not send out any workers. Assiut College has usually furnished the majority of the workers. This was attributed largely to the faithful work of Ajban Effendi Daniel. Fifty-seven Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held; 1,857 pupils were enrolled and there were 103 teachers. The self-sacrificing service of these young teachers among the needy children of Egypt is most praise-worthy. This work cost the Mission no money and to date has known no interference from the Government.

The Girls' College of Cairo asks permission to undertake to raise under the direction of the Alumnae Association and mainly from sources in Egypt the sum of L.E. 10,000 for the erection and equipment of a library for women as a part of the College plant. It is hoped that the library may be provided in commemoration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the first college building.

Appreciation was voiced for the bonus which the Women's Board gave to the Egyptian employees last year and the same amount (or an increase if possible) is asked for the coming year as the prices of foods and commodities have increased enormously

and are still rising. The amount asked this year is L. E. 500 ($2,500).

Miss Davida Finney gave a detailed report of her work along the lines of literature. The cataloging of the English library has been completed and it is hoped the cataloging of the Arabic can soon be completed. Miss Finney gives a very complete outline of the work she expects to do in the coming year.

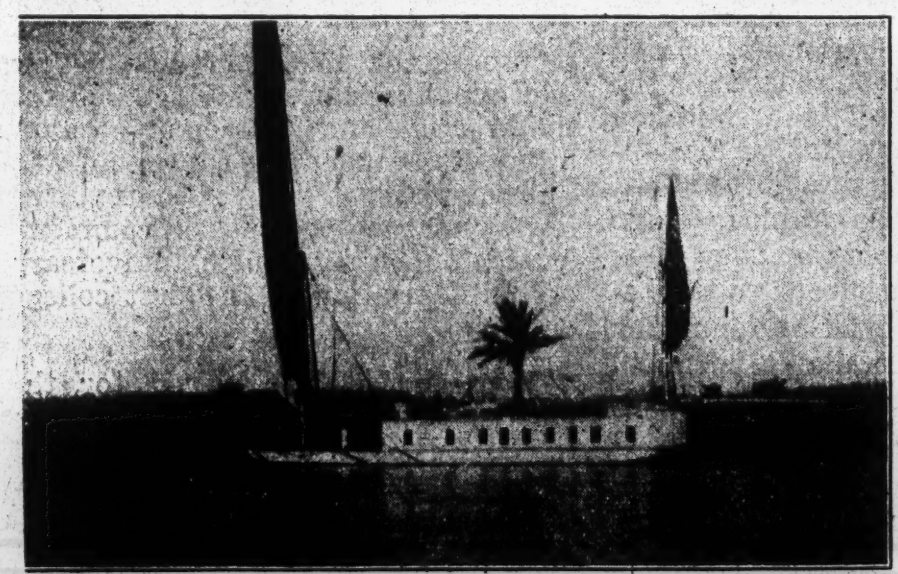
The Committee on Evangelism brought a report. The Hostel work has continued and in addition to that a building is used for a small day school, women's meetings and regular meetings on Sabbath. "The Witness" (one of the boats used in years past) is being offered for sale. The other boat—"The Ibis"—has been used this past year for a period by Miss Finney in visiting the village libraries. She has at times been accompanied by women evangelistic misisonaries who took the opportunity to visit villages which they could not have reached otherwise. A recommendation was made that the Foreign Board be asked to turn "The Ibis" over to the Women's Board for the use of its missionaries.

It was reported that the World Day of Prayer (March 12, 1943) was observed in six mission districts with an attendance of 1,444. Thank Offering meetings were held in the five Presbyteries the latter part of March. The year's offering was L. E. 970.

The work of the Bible Women's Training School has been greatly blessed. With increased interest in Bible Study there came a desire to reach the lost, and two afternoons a week for practical work are not enough for all the visits the girls wish to make. Four girls completed the course and received their New Testaments containing their diplomas.

Fowler Orphanage was open throughout the year and an average of twenty-five girls have had the benefit of the Home besides the 90 pupils enrolled in the Day School. This school has no definite budget but depends on the gifts of friends for its running expenses. This year the Orphanage has a balance in the treasury because of not having to pay the salary of a matron.

The report on medical work was given by Dr. Frank McClanahan of the Assiut Hospital. The first note in this report was thanksgiving for word of Dr. Hutchison's proposed return to Tanta Hospital. It was hoped that he could arrive by September 1944, and that Dr. Laughead would also return in a short time. Assiut Hospital has shared in the discovery and preparation of some new drugs



"The Witness." For twenty-five years this lovely house-boat has been true to its name, as it has carried the missionaries with the Gospel message to new centers and has also given them the opportunity of visiting and strengthening the churches along the Nile Valley. It is with indeed that circumstances make it necessary to part with this valuable "Witness."

that are being used by the British Army in Egypt by the lending of its special microscope for use in the Central Military Laboratory in Cairo. The work among lepers has been an important one and the thanks of the hospital go out to the American Mission for Lepers for assistance given in this ministry of mercy.

Perhaps the most difficult work of the Association was that of locating the missionaries on the field and also those they hope may be able to take over some of the work before the opening of another year.

We are happy to report that Miss Lois Kingan reached Cairo on January 27 and we are sure she was greeted with a great deal of joy by her fellow-workers. She had been six months on the way, having left America late in July. She traveled to Lisbon and after that spent many weeks in South Africa. It will be a matter of great interest to know some of the details of this long journey. We thank our God that she has reached her destination in safety.

THE SUDAN

Dr. Ried Shields has written us a very interesting account of his work in The Sudan and of his activities as Chaplain of the army.

He gave us the welcome information that the Misses Ruth Beatty and Isabel Blair arrived in Khartoum on December 14. He continued: "Travel beyond this point is very difficult and uncertain for people like the Misses Beatty and Blair. There are no boats in that direction beyond the junction. Overland travel on the long mountain road between the two eastern capitals is almost impossible now and has been for some time because of a local insurrection. No promises will be given for air passage. The ladies were ready to go on, hoping for some way to get across, but on the eve of their departure received a telegram from Dr. Dougherty saying that the council, meeting then in his home, advised the two ladies to travel there by truck. So all plans were altered, trek equipment of a sort assembled and they started off on the first stage of their journey. The date of the opening of the road is still a bit uncertain, perhaps in early February. We have asked Dr. Dougherty to arrange for a truck to take them back when it brings freight to that provincial town. We can only hope for the best and if there is a long wait involved we have advised them to make it with the Misses Soule and Huffman. This will be a very hard trip as there is no proper road—only a track across the wilderness—and motor vehicles nowadays are apt to break down frequently. Inasmuch as Mr. Russell and Mrs. Pollock recently completed the journey from the other direction and evidently had great difficulty making it, we can only suppose that this is the lesser of two bad prospects."

Dr. Shields also wrote of negotiations made for building the house at Gereif which had been promised in last year's estimates. This house for women missionaries is to be built in native style. The Board gave him permission to proceed with the work so that the house can be finished before the next rainy season.

Miss Ray Huffman wrote on December 14 concerning her trip to Sayo at the time Dr. Dougherty was injured by a thief. She says: "I was at Sayo and enroute about two and one-half weeks. We left Dr. Dougherty improving nicely. They were quite distressed and nervous about the whole affair. An English government official stayed with them about four weeks after we left and Mrs. Dougherty wrote that they felt so secure with him there. The Sudan government was surely good to them in sending a doctor for it meant heavy expense."

A conference was held at Nasir on standards of baptism and those plans

were recently put into effect. A very impressive baptismal service was held at which fourteen schoolboys were baptized.

Miss Huffman was to close the clinic for a little while that she might attend the annual meeting of Association to be held in Khartoum. There is much disappointment over the fact that Dr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and their daughter, Dr. Mary Smith, have not been able to get back to Nasir.

Miss Blanche Soule is very happy to report that the famine situation has been relieved in that section of the country. The crop is very poor but some other sections have had very good crops. The people are getting off to the fishing camps and if they can get fish now it will help them to save their grain. The District Commissioner said that while there will be some famine this coming year it will not be so bad as it was this year.

Miss Soule also writes: "We had a good bean crop in our school garden and lots of cow peas, of which all are fond. This coming week we plan for our Community Fair. The school girls and mothers bring in their produce; we weigh it and give prizes. This has helped to get the village people interested in raising different kinds of food that they need so much. For some years the locusts cleaned out the grain fields so one could not have told that anything had been planted. I now stress the growing of peanuts, pumpkins, and cow peas —things the locusts will not eat.... The grass is dry enough now for our broom making. My older girls go out to the fields and bring in the dry grass and in the afternoon sit down and make brooms. Last year we made quite a lot. It is difficult to get brushes or brooms so we use brooms made in our school."

ETHIOPIA

A letter from Mrs. Ruth Walker dated January 17 was received on January 29. It took a surprisingly short time for this letter to reach America because it was sent in some special way.

Mrs. Walker was alone in Addis Ababa for several weeks and had received no word from Mrs. Pollock since her arrival in the west on December 20. She adds: "I know she and Mr. Russell are proceeding with Mission business and soon Mrs. Pollock will be at work some place near Sayo. It is good to know that Ruth Beatty and Isabel Blair are even now on their way back to their 'first love' and I know the joy in the hearts of the people who welcome them. I thought I couldn't bear it when I had word Christmas week that all three of them, including Mr. Buchanan, had passed me by here, but when I considered the work I knew it was right that they should go direct to their places of service.

"It was such a surprise and joy to have Homer Dougherty with me here over Christmas. He waited three weeks trying to get transportation to his home in the west but finally had to set off alone on his motorcycle. I am much concerned over this trip of his but he was so confident that he could manage it and there seemed no other way for him to see his parents before returning to his unit (somewhere in Africa?). He has been gone four days and with all going well might be near his destination in Sayo but a letter he sent me his second day out indicated that he was having all sorts of difficulty and his trip would take a great deal longer than he had anticipated."

Mrs. Walker expected to close the school in five weeks as she tries to have her terms coincide with those of the Government schools. She has been teaching a full year so is much in need of a rest. She plans to spend February and March at a lower altitude in the south.

INDIA

Mail service between India and America seems to have stopped as no word has reached us since last month and then only one short letter was received. We hear indirectly that Dr. Bergsma and his family are on the way home. This leaves our five hospitals with only one American doctor to carry on and he has been in India scarcely long enough to master the language. There are Indian doctors in all the hospitals but the need is great for more American doctors to take oversight of the work. Dr. Vroon has charge of the Taxila hospital and has been asked to oversee the work in Sialkot Hospital in addition to his work in Taxila.

We were happy to learn recently that Dr. Hunsberger's health has improved during her months of furlough so much that she is hopeful of returning to India next fall if travel conditions permit. There is a possibility, too, that another young doctor may be able to go with her. Dr. Hunsberger is at present taking work with the Post-Graduate Medical College of Columbia University in New York City. We pray that she may be blessed in her work as she prepares for further service in India. We pray, too, that those now in charge of our hospitals may be given strength to carry their heavy responsibilities.

Miss Kate A. Hill who retired from service in India last year has not retired from missionary service in America. She has been asked by the Women's Board to contact all our church colleges in the interest of missions. She will visit Sterling College and Tarkio College early in March and later go to the other three colleges. She has recently returned from her tour of our mission schools in Kentucky and all our Negro stations in the South. She has much of interest to tell to the young people in our colleges and we pray that she may arouse much interest in our work at home and abroad and influence many to devote their lives to service in the Lord's work.

Before going to the colleges Miss Hill expects to visit some of her former colleagues who worked with her in India and who now live in Wichita, Kansas—Miss Frances Lincoln, Miss Lois Buchanan and Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Heinrich. One especially high day was to be spent with Miss Rose McCullough as she celebrated her 93rd birthday on February 15 in her home in Greenwood, Missouri. We congratulate this faithful, devoted servant of the Lord on this unusual occasion and we pray that she may be abundantly blessed in the years to come.

SURRENDER

Millions in full surrender, Lord, have turned
Their hearts to Thee, and life's true meaning found.
Two thousand years since Christ, Thy heart hath yearned
To pour Thy spirit out upon mankind.
We thank Thee, Lord, that all around the earth
Old men dream and young men visions see.
There is no sacrifice,
No discipline too great. Our hearts rejoice!
Complete surrender then, how small the price
To know Thee, Lord, and hear Thy guiding voice.
O use as leaven, lightening every land,
This multitude, awaiting Thy command.

—*S. H. Martin, M.D.*

Temperance and Reform Department

By MRS. CHARLES BRADLEY WARREN, Secretary, 233 Ridge Ave., Pittsburgh 2, Pa.

A letter received by Mrs. Hutchison from Miss Ethel L. Weed, chairman of the Temperance Committee of the Egypt Mission, contains the following:

"Please express to the Women's Board our gratitude for the $200.00 special for the Temperance work here. . . .

"Needless to say this gift will enable us to extend the scope of the work that can be undertaken.

"We have some capable and devoted young men in the lantern work, and in spite of th high cost of paper, etc., we have been able to keep up our literature distribution. . . .

"As you know, the work of the W.C.T.U. and of the Temperance Committee are so interwoven that it is difficult to say that they do this and we do that. Mrs. Hoyman is our great instigator and executive. Some of the local W.C.T.U. members and officers give valuable help, advice, and financial assistance. Much work is done in schools and meetings through mission agencies. All sorts of people distribute literature—no, I shouldn't say *all sorts*, for the sorts who receive it, I am sure, would add up to a higher total than those who give it.

"*And do the people read it?* Sometimes it is great fun to slip a tract or two, or a few blotters, to some of the men in a third class railway coach and watch the rest either slip over to listen to the reading of the tracts or seek the source of supply."

WISE CANADA

The Voice of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church quotes Prime Minister Mackenzie King as follows:

"Since the outbreak of the war, there has been (in Canada) a steady increase in the consumption of spirits, wine, and beer.

"Regardless of what one's attitude may be, temperance is something against which at a time of war no reasonable protest can be made.

"The lowering of efficiency due to the use of alcoholic beverages, is crtain to slow down the progress of the recruit in training.

"Intemperate habits lead to reckless exposure when men are under fire, thereby occasioning needless casualties.

"The government has, therefore, decided to prohibit the advertising of spirituous liquors, wine, and beer, throughout Canada, for the duration of the war."

CITIZENSHIP

Did the hair-graying bout with your income tax blank arouse your ire? Did you wish you could tell your Congressman how you felt about the battle over the soldier ballot? Are there bills which you feel must or must not be passed? Let your Senator and Representative know where you stand and why. They represent *you* as well as the more articulate organizations. It is your nation, your government. Be an intelligent citizen and let your Christian influence be felt in the community, the state, and the national government. The leaflet *Your Letter To Congress* is here to help you. And remember that a job well done merits a word of praise.

Junior Department

By MRS. PAUL M. HAAS, Secretary, 260 Lora Ave., Youngstown, Ohio

JUNIOR PRAYER GROUP

Through the Prayer Group the Juniors strengthen their own faith and learn to uphold the work of our missionaries before the Heavenly Father. The use of the Prayer Cycle teaches in the most complete outline form the mission enterprise of the Church. Wherever it is possible, Junior leaders are encouraged to lead the Juniors into the formation of their own prayer groups. Meet at whatever time is most suitable to your society.

The following Junior Societies have reported Prayer Groups:

Allegheny: Allegheny 4th, Bellevue, Forest Ave., Allegheny North, Allegheny 8th, Ben Avon, Orphans Home, Valencia, Allegheny 11th, East Union, Ross Community, McNaugher Mem., Etna, Russelton, Avalon, Highland Community, Valencia, Bellevue 1st.

Arkansas Valley: Sterling, Zenith.

Boston: Boston, Central Falls, Lawrence, Quincy.

Butler: Bethel, Butler 1st, Clintonville, Ebenezer, Meridian, Slippery Rock Boro.

Caledonia: Covington, Buffalo 1st, Kenmore, Buffalo 2nd.

Chartiers: E. Canonsburg, Canonsburg, Greenside Ave., Claysville, Crossroads, Houston, N. Buffalo, Peter's Creek, Robinson, Slovan Mission, Taylorstown, Washington 1st, Washington 3rd, W. Middletown.

Cleveland: Akron 1st, Allenside, Brownlee Woods, Brooklyn, First U. P., E. Palestine, Liberty, Poland Ave., Warren, Youngstown 2nd, Youngstown South.

Colorado: Denver, Fort Morgan.

Conemaugh: Altoona, Johnstown, New Florence.

Delaware: Oneonta, Walton.

Des Moines: Albia.

S. Illinois: Morea, Sparta, St. Louis 3rd.

Kansas City: Ottawa, Topeka.

Lake: Cochranton, Greenville, Kennard, North Sandy, Sheakleyville.

Los Angeles: Riverside.

Mercer: East Brook, Lebanon, New Wilmington.

Monmouth: Alexis, Washburn.

Monongahela: Brookline Blvd., Crafton Heights, Ingram, Knoxville, Oakmont, Pittsburgh 2nd, Pittsburgh Shadyside, Verona, Wallace Mem., Woodville, Wilkinsburg 1st, Wilkinsburg, 2nd.

First Ohio: Seamon.

Philadelphia: Philadelphia 7th, Dales Mem., Mayfair, Norris Square, Philadelphia South.

Puget Sound: Green Lake, Tacoma.

Rock Island: Davenport, Moline, Sunbeam.

Steubenville: Steubenville 2nd.

Tennessee: Miller's Ferry, Prairie.

Westmoreland: Pitcairn.

Wisconsin: Lisbon.

Xenia: Glen Echo, Reynoldsburg, Springfield 2nd.

Literature Department

MRS. A. J. RANDLES, Secretary, 904 Publication Bldg., Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR APRIL PROGRAMS

Two good books for reference are: *The Home God Meant* by Luccock, and *Homemaking* by Dr. E. C. McCown. The former was on one of our Reading Course Lists and many may have it within the local group. Either should be ordered directly from the United Presbyterian Book Store, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa. The first mentioned sells at $1.00, the second at 50c.

The Church in Thy House by the Rev. R. C. Sherrard. An 80,000 edition of this excellent pamphlet was published in 1937 by our Board of Publication. No more remain in stock. At the time of publication every pastor of our church received a complimentary copy and may have it in his pamphlet file. Another booklet, *The Parental Pledge in Infant Baptism,* by Dr. W. R. Wilson, was put out in the same pamphlet series and likewise distributed among pastors. It too is exhausted, but may be filed away in the pastor's study. Knowing something of the way of pastors, the Literature Secretary dares to suggest that you ask your pastor for the privilege of reading his copy—if he has one; and surely the loan of a File Copy would be most carefully guarded. *Christianizing the Home* by Dr. W. E. McCulloch, 10c. This pamphlet was advertised last month but is equally applicable to this month's program.

Leaflets:

I'm the Janitor—It suggests one great threat to the foundation of the home, and how in this case it was overcome. 2c.

The God In Your Home, 2c.

The Prayer Cycle is going out daily. Remember to watch the Church papers for corrections and additions. Miss Ellen Smith of Khartoum North is now Mrs. Alan Theobold. Miss Kate Spencer, listed in the India Furlough group, has been called Home.

We regret that we omitted altogether the names of the Rev. and Mrs. John D. Harkness in the 1944 Prayer Cycle. Please add them to SHEIKHUPURA, India.

RULES FOR ORDERING LITERATURE

The Womens Missionary Magazine, Program Calendars and Literature Secretary's Record Books are handled by the Magazine Staff.

Please send all orders to the Treasurer Mrs. Ralph H. Arnold, 525 Mifflin Avenue, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

Please do not send to the Literature Department.

All other literature should be ordered from the offices in the Publication Building: Thank Offering, Temperance, Junior, Prayer Cycles, books, maps, etc., etc. Send to 904 Publication Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Please do not combine orders for any of this literature with orders for the Magazine and Program Calendars. Such combinations sent to either address entail much extra work and lay extra burdens upon those who must send the money shuttling back and forth.

Editor

New Books

THE CHIANGS OF CHINA
By Elmer T. Clark
Abingdon-Cokesbury Press
Price $1.00

This is a true story. It is really stranger than fiction. The most vivid imagination could not have conceived a story more thrilling. It is about one family interwoven with various "in-laws".

The author of this book, Mr. Elmer T. Clark, Editor-in-chief of *World Outlook*, says in his foreword: "Here are romance and adventure, revolution and intrigue, the crash of empire and the birth of a nation, the rise from poverty and obscurity to the dizziest heights of power and glory."

The story begins with the coming to America of a young Chinese boy, who later came to be known as Charlie Jones Soong; his conversion, his education, his return to China, his marriage to the very remarkable Miss Ni, a deeply devout Christian. Of Mrs. Soong it may be said "her children rise up and call her blessed."

The story includes the Kungs, the Suns, the Chiangs all leaders in the New China. The conversion of Chiang Kai Shek, the interest of the families in the Christian Church, is a shaft of light in the dark picture of the world today.

Madame Chiang's visit to the United States is still in our minds. Never has an ambassador, official or unofficial been accepted with greater acclaim than this Chinese woman who came on a good-will tour. It was heartening to know that when in Washington on a Sabbath day she attended a Methodist Church asking in advance that no notice be taken of her presence as she desired only to worship God.

BETTY—A LIFE OF WROUGHT GOLD
By Julia Lake Kellersberger
Presbyterian Book Store, Richmond, Va.
$1.00 *Postpaid*

This is a story of unusual interest. It is a biography of a young college girl whose life was cut short but who lived gloriously and triumphantly. During the few years in college by her example and personal charm and by her positive Christian witness she led many girls into a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. She was a normal happy girl, gifted in music and writing with a deep spiritual tone that drew others to her Master.

Many of the young people at the New Wilmington Conference carried home as prized souvenirs a copy of this lovely book autographed by Mrs. Kellersberger. It is a fine gift book for any girl.

This book is also for sale in our book store, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

BURMA SURGEON
W. W. Norton & Co.
Fifth Avenue, N. Y.
Price $3.00

This is a doctor's book. It is also a war book. Dr. Seagrave has become rather well known through the service rendered in the last days of the Burma invasion. Long before that time he was fighting disease in the North Shan States.

The story of the building of the hospital and the training of nurses is like similar stories in other fields. There were outlying jungles filled with disease where Dr. Seagrave and his assistants worked under the most primitive conditions bringing health to sick and suffering.

Then came the war. Dr. Seagrave was commissioned a Major in the Medical corps. It is a day by day story from then on until the day when the order came to retreat. There is action on every page, information about the country and the people of Burma, written in modern style that holds attention to the last.

Tributes

Miss Frances R. Phillips

The Women's Missionary Society of the Union United Presbyterian Church of Monongahela Presbyterial desires to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of Miss Frances R. Phillips, who died in her home, September 17, 1943 after several weeks of suffering.

Miss Phillips was a consecrated Bible student and a faithful teacher in the Sabbath School for forty-six years. We shall miss her presence among us but our lives have been made richer because of our association with her in the work of the Master. We commend her loved ones to the Saviour, whom she loved and served.

She, with Paul, could say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteouness."

Committee

Mrs. J. A. McClung

The Women's Missionary Society of the 1st United Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown, Pa., desires to pay a tribute of love and esteem to the memory of Mrs. J. A. McClurg, who was called to her heavenly home, October, 1943.

Mrs. McClurg was a faithful Christian in her service to her church. During recent years her health would not permit her to take an active part in the work of the church, but she always had a deep interest in all the church's work.

We extend our sympathy to her husband, daughter, sons and all her loved ones and commend them to the Saviour whom she loved and served.

Committee

Mrs. Edith A. Stuart

The Women's Missionary Society of the Gibson Heights United Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Mo., wishes to pay a tribute of love and appreciation to the memory of Mrs. Edith A. Stuart, who passed away December 5, 1943. She was the wife of the late John M. Stuart.

Mrs. Stuart was one of the organizers of the Gibson Heights Church and participated in all of its activities. She was a charter member of our Missionary Society and a Life Member of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Her joy in the service of her Master, her kindness, friendliness and sympathy should ever be an inspiration to those of us who remain to carry on the work.

To her family and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. A. W. Hayslip
Mrs. W. T. McIntyre
Mrs. Wm. Schattgen

Mrs. Phoebe Allen
Mrs. Martha Blair Hill

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of San Diego, California, lost two of its members in September, 1943.

Mrs. Phebe Allen left us September 10. She was for years a faithful member of the W.M.S. having served as Bible Secretary and Vice President.

Mrs. Martha Blair Hill answered the call September 21. Mrs. Hill was a charter member of this congregation and the W. M.S. She served as our Secretary for over a quarter of a century and was always on hand to perform her work faithfully and well. She taught in the S.S. and was for thirty years the head of the Home Department into which she put her best efforts.

She was a quiet devout Christian, whose true Christian character will long be remembered by those who knew her.

Both of these women were life members of the W.G.M.S.

Truly their works do follow them.

W.M.S. Committee.

Mrs. Lola Kirkwood
Mrs. F. N. Crawford

The Womens Missionary Society of College Corner, Ohio, wishes to pay tribute to two of its members, Mrs. Lola Kirkwood, a life-long member, who passed to her reward, Nov. 7, 1943, and Mrs. F. N. Crawford, our pastor's wife, who passed to her reward, Nov. 12, 1943.

We shall miss them both in our meetings, but the memory of their interest and love for the church will remain an inspiration to us all.

Committee.

Miss Jane Heazlett
Mrs. John A. Patterson

The Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church of Mercer, Pa. wishes to pay a tribute to the memory of two of our members, Miss Jane Heazlett who died in October, 1943, and Mrs. John A. Patterson, a life member, who died in November, 1943.

They meet with us no more, but the memory of their work remains.

To the families and friends of both, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Committee.

Mrs. Edna Russell

The Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church of Seattle, Washington, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Edna Rus-

sell who was called to her heavenly reward December 7, 1943.

Mrs. Russell's steadfastness and devotion will ever be an inspiration to us. Her cheerful disposition and her faithfulness to Christ and to every demand of the church upon her remain as a challenge to all who knew her.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Mrs. W. D. Morrison
Mrs. Edward Base
Mrs. W. B. Monks

Mrs. Anna Allen

On August 19, 1943, Mrs. Anna Allen passed from earth to her Heavenly Home. In her going, the Women's Missionary Society of the Covington, N. Y. United Presbyterian Church lost a faithful and loyal worker and friend.

The whole work of the Church was in her heart. Her love for the Lord's House and her faithfulness in attendance on the Sabbath Day was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Mrs. Allen was President of the Missionary Society and teacher of the women's class in the Sabbath School. We shall miss her counsel, her presence, and her friendship. We know that the Master had said to her, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We thank our Heavenly Father for the years of association with her, and we pray that we may be faithful in carrying on the task that she has laid down.

"In his care confiding she will surely sleep
For the Lord her Saviour will in safety keep."

May her loved ones have the consolation that Christ alone can give.

Committee.

Mrs. Grace Jordan Sebring

The Women's Missionary Society and the Emma Spencer Bible Class of the First United Presbyterian Church of Canton, Ohio, record with deep sorrow the passing of Mrs. Grace Jordan Sebring on November 25, 1943.

Mrs. Sebring was devoted to the work of the church. She was sponsor of a missionary group of young girls, the teacher of the Bible Class, the church organist and for ten years the Treasurer and Thank Offering Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society. Her time and talents were given untiringly in loving service to her Master.

Mrs. Sebring was always witnessing for Him, wherever she happened to be. Believing that the Christian should be happy and joyful, she was constantly finding great joy in her Christian faith. She was an inspiration to all, both old and young. We who knew her have a feeling of deep gratitude for the privilege of having had her presence in our midst.

May her fine example of Christian living and faithfulness be a challenge to us for greater Christian service.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Mrs. A. W. Warren
Mrs. W. E. Rehbein

Mrs. Geraldine Stokes

No tribute of words can express the loss to her church, or to the Women's Missionary Society, of such a devoted Christian as Mrs. Geraldine Stokes of Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church of Aliquippa, Pa. RFD No. 2, who was called Home on Saturday, December the 4th, 1943.

All the members of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church wish to pay a loving tribute to the faith she had in the Heavenly Father. She was always ready to do her part for her Master in whom she believed so fully. Her kind and cheerful disposition and her helpful presence will be greatly missed. Her unfailing faith and patience during her illness and her resignation to her Master's will was an inspiration to us. For three years she was a faithful Secretary of our Women's Missionary Society and a life member of the General Women's Missionary Society. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband and her daughter, Carol, and others who held her near, and commend them to that One who said, "I will not leave you comfortless."

Committee.
Mrs. Eva A. Torrence
Mrs. Mary E. Ewing
Mrs. L. L. Bowman

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

(c-o American Mission should be added to each foreign address)

INDIA

Miss Ruth I. Ardrey, 1921 — Sialkot City
Miss Helen Artman, 1920 — Sheikhupura
Miss Margaret Ballantyne, 1941 — Gujranwala
Miss Minnie E. Beatty, 1912 — Abbottabad
Miss Lois Boyd, 1918 — Sangla Hill
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931 — Sargodha
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927, 1937 — Lyallpur
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922 — Sialkot City
Miss Evelyn Cathcart, 1925 — Rawalpindi
Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., 1933 — Taxila
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1913 — Sargodha
Miss Vida J. Graham, 1922 — Pathankot
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930 — Campbellpur
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1938 — Sheikhupura
Miss Janette Howland, 1921 — Campbellpur
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904 — Pasrur
Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N., 1932 — Sialkot City
Miss Laura R. MacLachlan, 1938 — Pasrur
Miss Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N., 1931 — Jhelum
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1938 — Sialkot City
Miss Margaret L. Murdoch, 1924 — Sargodha
Miss Ruth M. Nichol, 1933 — Pasrur
Miss Marian T. Peterson, 1930 — Rawalpindi
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921 — Pathankot
Miss Laura Reynolds, 1924 — Sangla Hill
Miss Helen V. Weede, 1928 — Zarfarwal

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from INDIA)

Miss Kathryn Beattie, 1920
Penn Ave. and West St., Pittsburgh (21) Pa.
Miss Hazel Bennett, 1908
261 Park St., Socorro, N. Mexico
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921 — Petrolia, Pa.
Miss Lois M. Buchanan, 1910
334 N. Rutan St., Wichita, Kan.
Miss Marie E. Cash, 1926
322 E. North St., Lebanon, Indiana
Miss Margaret Fehlman, 1913
616 Arlington Place, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Evva P. Hartig, R.N., 1924
57 Broadway, Frostburg, Md.
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D., 1921
5914 N. Pulaski, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Olive Laing, 1912
46 N. Duane Ave., Pittsburgh (5), Pa.
Miss Sarah Jane Lamont, 1928
440 W. Cayuga St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920
1502 Penn Ave., Wichita, Kans.
Miss Louise Scott, 1916
102 New Castle St., New Wilmington, Pa.
Miss E. Marjorie McCrory, 1936
McCrory Farms, R.D. 1, Homer City, Pa.
Miss Vivian L. Trimble, 1921 — Blanchard, Iowa
Miss Ruth A. Warnock, 1913, 1936 — Ezel, Ky.
Miss Georga Wengert, 1920 — Lebo, Kans.

RETIRED (from India)

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881
231 Franklin St., Slippery Rock, Pa.
Miss Laurella G. Dickson, 1897 — Tarkio, Mo.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893 — Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896 — Eldora, Iowa
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903
312 Cleveland Ave., Avalon, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891
325 W. 7th St., Rushville, Indiana
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902
17 S. Federal Highway, Lake Worth, Florida
Miss Rosa McCullough, 1879
Greenwood, Jackson Co., Mo.

RETIRED HONORARY MISSIONARY

Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884
612 Bruce St., Santa Ana, Calif.

RETIRED (from Egypt)

Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899
c/o American Mission, Assiut, Egypt
Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911
926 East 1st St., Monmouth. Ill.
Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894
121 North 7th St., Sterling, Kans.
Miss E. Roxy Martin, 1901
Fair Meadows, Limekiln Park, R.D., Chalfant, Pa.
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904
1109 McClure Ave., Munhall, Pa.

EGYPT—c/o American Missions

Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901 — Fayoum
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., 1934 — Assiut
Miss Anna B. Criswell, 1905 — Assiut
Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926 — Fayoum
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919 — Beni Suef
Miss Davida Finney, Litt.D., 1915 — Cairo
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929 — Tanta
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924 — Cairo
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926 — Cairo
Mrs. Jack McMillan (nee Constance Harper) 1937 — Benha
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921 — Cairo
Miss Helen J. Martin, Pd. D., 1915 — Cairo
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919 — Cairo
Miss Elizabeth McKibben, R.N., 1924 — Tanta
Mrs. William Fennell (nee Mabel McMichael), 1937 — Cairo
Miss Carol E. McMillan, 1906 — Beni Suef
Miss Sarah B. Meloy, 1923 — Cairo
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902 — Tanta
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924 — Cairo
Miss Frances Patton, 1922 — Mansura
Miss Stella Robertson, 1922 — Cairo
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1938 — Luxor
Miss Edna B. Sherriff, 1920 — Assiut
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911 — Cairo
Mrs. G. G. Gutteridge (nee Mary Stevenson) 1939 — Cairo
Miss Mary C. Thompson, 1939 — Tanta
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930 — Assiut
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919 — Alexandria
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1918 — Luxor
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904 — Assiut
Mrs. A. F. Huish (Mrs. Margaret J. Work) 1939 — Cairo
Miss Laura Wright, 1921 — Tanta

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from Egypt)

Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909
1214 Fifth Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, 1918 — Americus, Kansas
Miss Mary Frances Dawson, 1922
803 E. Third St., Ellensburg, Wash.
Miss Alta G. French, 1925 — Goldfield, Iowa
Miss Elsie French, 1909
606 Ogden Ave., S., Escanaba, Mich.
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1921
800 E. Second Ave., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Alfaretta M. Hammond, 1904
State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
Miss Dora B. Mason
2515 Orlando Drive, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Jeannette McCrory, 1916 — Sterling, Kans.
Miss Helen J. Noordewier, 1921
Warm Springs, Oregon
Mrs. Rachel T. Seiver, 1925
1057 S. Genessee St., Los Angeles, Calif.
Miss Jane C. Smith, R.N., 1922
235 East 49th St., New York, N. Y.
Miss Marie F. Tait, 1925 — R. D. 5, Mercer, Pa.
Miss Mary L. Thompson, LL.D., 1917 — Tarkio, Mo.
Miss Elizabeth M. Wilson, 1932
Lewis, Iowa
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919
332 Waugh Ave., New Wilmington, Pa.
Miss Margaret A. Work, 1924
E. Platte Ave., Fort Morgan, Colo.

THE SUDAN—c/o American Mission

Miss Mary E. Coie, 1919 — Omdurman
Miss Una Coie, 1918 — Khartum North
Miss Mary V. Ewing, R.N., 1939 — Doleib Hill
Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924 — Nasir
Miss Marguerite McClellan, 1926 — Khartum North
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre, 1911 — Wad Medani
Mrs. Alan Theobald (nee Ellen P. Smith, 1933) Khartum North
Miss C. Blanche Soule, R.N., 1921 — Nasir
Miss Frances Turk, R.N., 1921 — Khartum North

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from The Sudan)

Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912,
R. D. 3, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Miss Mary Jane McKnight, 1922
429 Fourth St., Ellwood City, Pa.
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930 — Morgan Hill, Cal.

ETHIOPIA—c/o American Mission)

Miss Ruth C. Beatty, R.N., 1921 — Addis Ababa
Miss Isabel Blair, 1922 — Addis Ababa
Mrs. A. W. Pollock, R.N., 1942 — Addis Ababa
Mrs. Ruth Lobaugh Walker, 1928 — Addis Ababa

The Ascension—Raphael

A WARTIME EASTER

Had not the Lord left Heaven's joy and glory,
Had not the Christ walked Sorrow's bitter way,
We could not feel the surging joy of Easter,
We could not look with hope beyond today.

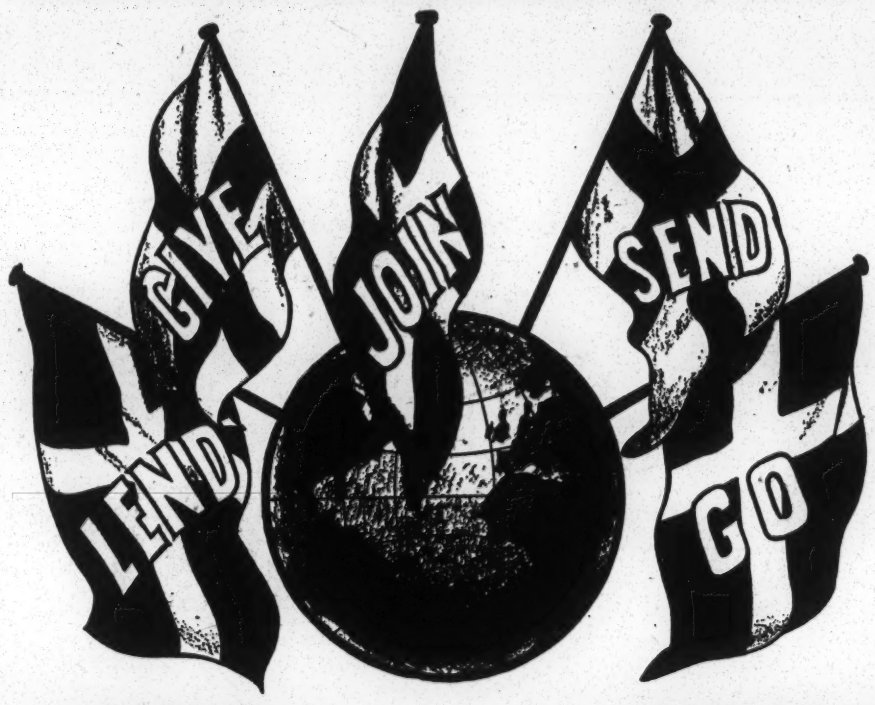
But since the Lord has gloriously risen
And passed from earth to reign in Heaven above,
We now rejoice because of His salvation
Secured for all who give to Him their love.

So in these days of tears and grief unbounded,
When loved ones bravely walk the bitter road,
We needs must look beyond today's keen sorrows
Unto the Lord in Heavenly Abode.

(Mrs. C. W.) Elsie Wehling Fulton,
Secretary of Prayer Groups.

A LITTLE TIME APART

FOR CHRIST AND THE WORLD



LEND

To the Lord

to proclaim liberty
to the Captives.

GIVE

As He Has Given

you; freely ye have
received, freely give.

JOIN

The allied armies of the King

for Service
Overseas

SEND

To all nations: your substitute

GO

Ye into all the world